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# THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

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1956

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# THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS 1891–1955

# SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

The Standing Committee wishes to thank all who, through financial assistance or any other form of contribution, have helped to make this the most active year in the history of The Trustees of Reservations

## OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 1955

### ACQUISITION OF PROPERTIES

Stockbridge: Fifty acres adjoining the studio of the late Daniel Chester French, acquired by gift from Mrs. William Penn Cresson of Stockbridge, together with an annual contribution for its maintenance.

Marblehead: About five acres of land, the whole of Brown's Island off Peach's Point in Doliber's Cove, Marblehead, acquired by gift from Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield, with an endowment for maintenance.

Chesterfield Gorge, West Chesterfield: Between five and six acres of land on the east side of Chesterfield Gorge, acquired by gift from the Quinnehtuk Company, a constituent of Western Massachusetts Electric Company.

Misery Island, Salem: Two and one-half acres of land at Misery Island, Salem, including a portion of a sandy beach, acquired by gift from Mr. John S. Lawrence which made possible the purchase of this land.

Plymouth: Gift of the Plymouth Cordage Co. of an acre of land adjoining the Holmes Reservation at Plymouth.

Rockport: Gift of one-half acre of land by Mr. Louis H. D. MacLeod, off Gott Lane, in Rockport, for parking space, for the Halibut Point Reservation.

### PUBLICITY

Addresses by the Secretary before public and private gatherings; radio talks on the aims and achievements of The Trustees; press releases on subjects of interest; issue of thousands of circulars on various properties of The Trustees, educating the public to the significance of their work.

## ACTIVITIES OF THE YEAR

### CHESTERWOOD, DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH STUDIO

Maintenance of Chesterwood, the Daniel Chester French Studio, where 2,223 visitors came, from the opening on June 26 to the closing on September 25. The closing was on account of the floods in Berkshire County. The dedication of the Studio took place on June 25, where 150 people assembled in the garden, at which time President Walcott was presented with the keys to the Studio by the donor, Mrs. William Penn Cresson.

#### ON THE RESERVATIONS

William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington: Painting the entire house with two coats of white paint.

Canaumet: Continued clearing of underbrush to expose the holly trees, and the making of four turn-outs in entrance road. Greatly

needed, as the path is narrow, with no place to pass.

Governor Hutchinson's Field: Further cutting of trees at the lower end of the Reservation to expose the view of the Neponset Meadows and River, which greatly improved the view. The planting of well-grown saplings at the Field, from the donor's estate of the late Mrs. Edward P. Hamilton, one of the Local Committee.

Old Manse, Concord: The beginning of construction of heating of the Old Manse by generous gift of Mr. William Emerson for part of

the expense.

Halibut Point, Rockport: Laying out a parking space for fifty cars; the erection of comfortable rest houses, gravelling of the path leading to the ocean, and installing an all-year-round warden. The topping of the entrance to the Reservation, on Gott Lane, by the Town of Rockport, has improved the Reservation a great deal.

Your Standing Committee takes pleasure in announcing the enroll-

ment of two new Founders and twenty-four Life Members.

#### FOUNDERS

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The Standing Committee records with regret the death of six members of the Corporation in 1955:

ROGER ERNST ALLAN FORBES C. H. W. FOSTER Mrs. Louis A. Frothingham MRS. CONRAD P. HATHEWAY AUGUSTUS HEMENWAY

## PLANS AND POLICIES FOR 1956

1. To foster a widespread sentiment for the preservation of beautiful and historical places.

2. To co-operate with all persons and agencies actively interested in securing places "worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the

public."
3. To establish an active local preservation committee in each of THE TRUSTEES' affiliated societies with a view to furthering the aims and purposes of The Trustees.

4. To maintain and develop the Reservations entrusted to the care

of The Trustees.

5. To preserve places of scenic beauty and historic interest wherever found in Massachusetts, by purchase or gift, or by means of easements or special agreements with landowners concerning the future use of their properties.

## ANNUAL MEETING

The Sixty-fifth Annual Meeting of the Corporation was held in the Back Bay Room of the Sheraton Plaza, Boston, on January 18, 1956, at a quarter to twelve o'clock in the morning, with President Walcott in the chair.

The Secretary presented the official records of the Corporation and the Standing Committee during 1955, which were approved and accepted. The Treasurer, Mr. Augustus P. Loring, then presented

his report.

#### REPORT OF THE TREASURER

During the last year The Trustees received contributions toward

operating income of \$40,610.

Investment income for the year amounted to \$20,861, while income from the various Reservations totalled \$121,498, of which \$98,512 came from Crane Reservation.

THE TRUSTEES' total income for the year amounted to \$182,969.

Expenses for the year totalled \$187,639, a net loss of \$4,670.

In 1955 The Trustees received gifts and legacies of \$14,752, which were added to general endowments. It was, however, necessary to transfer \$4,000 from the unrestricted General Fund endowment to the operating cash during the year to meet current expenses.

\$ 6,022

\$ 2,633

8,655

## SUMMARY ACCOUNT OF OPERATIONS

(Including 33 Reservations, as well as The Trustees' General Administrative Costs) GENERAL FUND Receipts \$42,755 Disbursements 40,052 Gain..... \$ 2,703 HURRICANE FUND Receipts 531 Disbursements.... 7,381 \$ 6.850 Loss MISSION HOUSE, STOCKBRIDGE Receipts \$ 6.175 Disbursements 6.713 538 OLD MANSE, CONCORD Receipts \$ 6,003 Disbursements 6,526 Loss \$ 523 ROCKY WOODS, MEDFIELD Receipts \$22,671 Disbursements 22,577 94 CRANE RESERVATION, IPSWICH Receipts \$98,512 Disbursements 95,221 \$ 3,291

# Disbursements Loss

CHESTERWOOD STUDIO, STOCKBRIDGE

CASTLE HILL, ROSE GARDEN, IPSWICH		
Receipts	\$	300 514
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Receipts....

#### REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

The year 1955 was very good to The Trustes. One of the most brilliant and interesting occasions that has occurred in the Berkshire Hills section of Massachusetts in a number of years, was the dedication of Chesterwood, at Stockbridge, the studio of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the Lincoln Memorial. This studio, with a lovely garden and 18 acres of land, was given by the sculptor's daughter, Mrs. William Penn Cresson, to The Trustes, to be preserved and maintained, not only as a memorial to her father, but as a reminder of the classical tradition and the great epoch in the history of American sculpture.

On June 25, the day of the dedication, 150 people assembled in the garden against the green background of the woods to hear President Robert Walcott, of The Trustees, give a brief but interesting preamble of the history of the studio, followed by gracious remarks of Mrs. Cresson, as she presented the keys of the studio to President Walcott. Then followed addresses by Mr. Wheeler Williams, noted sculptor, former president of the National Sculptors' Society, and lastly by Mr. Fairfield Osborn, president of the Conservation Foundation of New York.

During the first month after the studio was opened on June 26, there were over one thousand visitors. They were shown the three-foot bronze model of *The Minute Man*, the statue that young Daniel French, when a youth of twenty-two, was commissioned to make for his home town of Concord, Massachusetts. In the large studio is seen the big plaster cast of the seated Lincoln, and a small model of the *Alma Mater*, of Columbia University, as well as the plaster sketch of *John Harvard* for the Harvard Yard, and many other of Mr. French's works.

The total number of paying visitors to the studio from June 26 to September 25 was 2,223. Had it not been for the intense heat of the summer, and the floods of September, when Commissioner Volpe of Public Works, requested motorists to keep out of the Berkshire County, it is estimated that there would have been twice the number of visitors up to closing time of November 1. It is expected that next year the attendance will be large.

Another outstanding gift to The Trustees in 1955 was made by Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield, of the five-acre wooded, rocky island off Peach's Point in Doliber's Cove, Marblehead, with an endowment. Mr. Frank Crowninshield had planted hundreds of conifers on the island, which adds to its attractiveness. There will be warden service all the year round. Although the island will be open to visitors, it will be under the careful eye of the wardens.

The Quinnehtuk Co., a constituent of the Western Massachusetts Electric Companies, presented The Trustees with about five acres of land on the east side of Chesterfield Gorge which we have long desired. It is contiguous to our property and now completes the entire east side of our reservation.

A gift from the Plymouth Cordage Company of an acre of land contiguous to the Holmes Reservation at Plymouth was very acceptable, since this rounded out the part of the property we had wished to secure.

The purchase of two and one-half acres of land at Misery Island was of importance, for the only remaining land not now owned by The Trustees on this island is about three acres, owned by Mr.

Eugene Connolly. It is hoped that before long the entire island will be in the hands of The Trustees. This gift was made possible through the generosity of Mr. John S. Lawrence, chairman of the local Misery Island Committee.

During 1955 the Boston office was successful in raising \$800 towards the Chesterwood studio property; \$2200 toward the Cobble expenses for 1955; \$1000 for the Cobble endowment; a generous gift of \$1500 toward the cost of heating the Old Manse at Concord from Mr. William Emerson. A gift from Mr. Sydney L. Beals of \$2000 for the General Fund; the raising, through the help of Mr. John S. Lawrence, of \$1500 for the development of Misery Island; and an announcement of a gift from the Rufus A. Bullock Trust of \$10,000, unrestricted, for the General Fund; and \$10,500 from membership dues in 1955 made the total \$35,000; and the acquisition of  $66\frac{1}{2}$  acres added to our present holdings.

One of the most important favorable developments was at Halibut Point property at Rockport, where a large parking space was developed. Rest houses were erected and a permanent warden has been established. The entrance to the Reservation by Gott Lane was improved by the Town of Rockport by black-topping the road.

Your Executive Director and his assistant could not visit all the Reservations this year owing to illness, intense heat and floods, but the reports of the chairmen of the local committees have been favorable. Up to the time of the floods, more people had visited the Reservations than previously. The Boston office notified the wardens of most of the Reservations to conclude the season just after the floods, for we knew that there would be very few visitors until 1956.

Mt. Ann Park at Gloucester on Route 128 has become exceedingly popular, and last year a total of 6,315 visitors came to enjoy the superb view from the top of Mt. Ann.

We have secured 93 new members during 1955 — 24 life, 69 others.

The field trip to the Berkshires was held on May 20, 21 and 22, much to the pleasure of those who attended. It is the desire of the Secretary to extend to you a cordial invitation to join him when the announcement of the field trip is made in early summer, and have a chance to see the French studio at Stockbridge and other properties owned by The Trustees. I wish to extend the thanks of the Standing Committee to all those who have subscribed to the work of The Trustees for various causes. You also have my most grateful thanks as Secretary and Executive Director for your hearty cooperation during 1955.

Respectfully submitted,

## LUNCHEON CONFERENCE

Following the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, some 226 members, guests and delegates from The Trustees' Co-operating Societies sat down for luncheon in the main ballroom.

President Walcott first introduced the guests at the Head Table:

CHARLES S. BIRD, Member of the Standing Committee

Mrs. George A. Bushee, Chairman of the Local Committee of the Old Town Hill Reservation and Founder

EDWARD W. FORBES, Member of the Corporation

WM. ROGER GREELEY, Vice-President of the Trustees

Mrs. James Hammond, representing Mrs. F. B. Crowninshield, donor of Crowninshield Island, Marblehead

COMMISSIONER L. ROY HAWES, Commissioner of Agriculture, Massachusetts

Andrew H. Hepburn, Chairman of the Old Manse Local Committee

Thomas M. Hennessey, Vice-President Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President New England Telephone Company

COMMISSIONER ARTHUR T. LYMAN, Commissioner of Department of Natural Resources Philip M. Morgan, Member of the Corporation

MAURICE M. OSBORNE, Chairman of the Standing Committee of The Trustees PRESIDENT ROBERT WALCOTT

LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR SUMNER G. WHITTIER

Then President Walcott introduced Lieutenant-Governor Sumner G. Whittier, who spoke as follows:

Lieutenant-Governor Sumner G. Whittier:

Judge Walcott, Mr. Bird, Mr. Lyman and other Distinguished Guests present here:

It is certainly a great pleasure for me to be here today.

You know, there is the story about the minister who was about to deliver a sermon, and he said:

"Behold I come," delivering the first part of his text, and he hit the lectern, to emphasize what he was saying.

He made a second try:

"Behold I come," and he banged the lectern again.

He tried it a third time:

"Behold I come," and with even greater vigor, he hit the lectern with such a bang that it rebounded and the result was that he wound up in the lap of a lady sitting in the front pew. He apologized and said to her:

"I am very sorry, madame."

But, she immediately said:

"Young man, at least you gave me fair warning you were coming!" [Laughter].

And behold I come, with profuse and copious apologies. You

are a very important group, and I should like very much to stay with you for several reasons, partly because of my deep interest in this group and my admiration for Commissioner Lyman, the head of the Natural Resources Department. I know that his message will be of great importance.

However, the Governor's Council meets this afternoon, and my first obligation, of course, is to be the Lieutenant-Governor and attend to the State business, and I must be there. Therefore, my apologies to you.

But, my very high compliments to both Mr. Bird and Mr. Lyman, who are, as I understand, the recipients of the awards today in the matter of conservation in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

I know that His Excellency, the Governor, would like to be here. I know he came here a year ago and discussed the finding of a building which would become the Governor's Mansion. And, I would assume that that would have been taken care of by this time, but I hear it is not.

I am much less disturbed about the fact that a three-decker in Everett might become the Governor's mansion than some other people are.

Just the other day I went out and spent 25 cents for a book, because there were some lines in it that I wanted to read to you, and here is the first one:

When old age shall this generation waste,
Thou shalt remain, in midst of other woe

Than ours, a friend to man, to whom thou say'st, "Beauty is truth, truth beauty," — that is all

Ye know on earth, and all ye need to know.

And, whether we accept that fully or not, nonetheless, it is very important.

And another writer said:

"The world is too much with us, and in this age of civilization, there is the impact of our very material society moving, and somehow our great metropolitan areas spread out."

Yes, there are even the Cantons and the Dedhams and the Sheffields and their increases, and somebody forgets to do the planning. Suddenly, the tranquil beauty isn't there, and nature is overrun. Slum areas occur, and the thing made by the hand of God becomes desecrated by the hand of man too many times.

It is essential in all of this moving and progress that some one remember the loveliness and the beauty and the historic interests.

And so I compliment those of you who may some place find that picture, that portrait, that sculpture that God made, for some place out of the running waters that Sculptor's tool may be used.

Find and keep the beauty and the loveliness.

I have looked through this report of The Trustees of Reservations, and I have a line that in itself and in its odd way seemed to me to be more peculiarly apt, than any other quotation in here. This is a report of the various Reservations, and it says:

"Dinosaur footprints, Holyoke, in statu quo."

I could see how that could be right. I could picture out of the yesteryears and long before man and you and me and our primordial ancestors were touring around in the swamps of this planet, here was this dinosaur, making those long-lasting marks up in Holyoke, which have been for years and years in statu quo. And those dinosaur footprints will still be there.

I don't know who wrote this account, but that is one of the most impressive accounts.

There are other reports that are rather impressive.

As you know, I come from Ipswich, and the Crane part of the report was of interest to me. On the cover there is a picture of Abraham Lincoln, and it was my high privilege to see the studio you have acquired of Daniel Chester French. And isn't it odd the things that you remember? His father was a Judge, a lover of poetry and a raiser of fine asparagus. That is all accurate and true. But, I looked at a magnificent studio, and as I walked along the pathways and the gardens, I looked out to the Taconic Hills, and I saw there all the trees and the famous statues, the Minute Man of Lexington and all the others including Lincoln. I saw the little railroad track that he designed so that he could move the great statues back and forth, to see how they would look in the sunlight.

It is a very beautiful addition to those Reservations you have saved.

If we are to grab hold of the future, as we must, and all of the tomorrows ahead, it is essential that we remember the beauty around us. It is essential to remember the heritage of the past, also, like the dinosaur footprints, that the tomorrows are built out of thousands of years, and we are a part of that heritage; the keeping of the loveliness and the beauty, the holding of the poetry are still tremendously important.

For the Governor and myself, may I compliment those of you who have dedicated yourselves to this preservation! [Applause.]

### President Walcott:

Lieutenant-Governor Whittier, we like your sentiments very much. Then President Walcott called upon Mr. Maurice M. Osborne, the Chairman of the Standing Committee, who made a presentation to Mr. Charles S. Bird, with the following remarks:

## Mr. Maurice M. Osborne:

Judge Walcott, Ladies and Gentlemen:

When, last November, Charles Sumner Bird retired from the chairmanship of the Standing Committee of The Trustees of Reservations after twenty-two years of faithful service on that committee, one of the very first things that occurred to all of his associates was to present him with some kind of token of their affection and regard for him. We all talked it over.

Now, of course, the standard thing to give anybody under those circumstances is a watch. But, Mr. Bird had a watch. So we didn't know quite what to do at first.

However, the idea somehow or other persisted regarding some kind of a time-piece, and after a great deal of consultation, it was determined that the gift would take this form. I will read the presentation scroll, which will tell the whole story to you.

"To Charles Sumner Bird, Chairman of the Standing Committee of The Trustees of Reservations from 1933 to 1955, an earnest and faithful worker for the preservation of places of natural beauty and historic interest, his colleagues of the Standing Committee present this Sun Dial for his garden as a token of their affectionate regard, January 18, 1956."

We shall go further. This is the top of the Sun Dial, of course. It would be a little bit bulky to bring the large, stone base with me today, which holds the Sun Dial five feet up in the air.

This is an old English Sun Dial, made about 1810, and it is engraved. It is engraved, of course, with the figures which mark the hours, and then it says:

"Time passes; speaketh not. Amend today and slacken not." Also:

# "Vene, Vide, Vale"

We didn't think you needed the advice, Charlie; it just happened to be on it; that's all.

I take great pleasure, sir, in presenting this Sun Dial to you! [Applause.]

And now, ladies and gentlemen, I am going to ask Mr. Bird to tell us something about a project which has been very dear to his heart, to which he has given a great deal of thought and time, and that is the Dedication of Washington Hall, the original home of the Washington family in the town of Washington, near Durham, England.

# Mr. Bird responded:

Mr. President, Members of The Trustees, Fellow Confreres, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I sincerely appreciate the kindness of my colleagues for their thought in giving me this gift with its too flattering citation.

The only feature I dislike about it is its recognition of my passage as Chairman of our Standing Committee through too many years.

Sometime ago in the El Tovar Hotel at the rim of the Grand Canyon of Arizona, I heard an acceptance speech of the retiring president of the Bottlers Association of America which seemed to me rather complete. After a long introduction, he slowly rose to say, "My very dear friends, I certainly do thank you."

Another acceptance speech was made by the brother of Conan Doyle who, after some hesitation, was pushed to his feet and remarked, "Well, I say, By Jove, Don't you know, What?" There is much feeling between these words.

What more need I say and what a relief if I said no more!

Maurice Osborne, however, has asked me to tell you something of the restoration of the original home of the ancestors of George Washington, in Washington, Durham County, England. It has no direct connection with The Trustees of Reservations but it is an historic monument of such traditional importance that it should interest us all.

In the year 1183, 100 years after the Norman conquest and 300 years before the discovery of America, the earliest known ancestor of George Washington, William de Hertburn, bought the Vill of Wassa from a Saxon adding "ing" (children of) and "ton" (a fortified manor) and called himself William de Washington. He built the Manor House where the Washington family lived thereafter for many hundreds of years.

When, however, the late Eric Underwood came to me as Chairman of the American and British Commonwealth Association and suggested that we help citizens of Washington, D. C., England, to restore this ancient Manor House in memory of George Washington, I was rather doubtful about it, for there is "Sulgrave" which is a memorial to George Washington in Northamptonshire.

I was about to visit England, however, and agreed to meet the committee in Washington which is fourteen miles from the City of Durham.

I was shown over the house and was much impressed, as were my daughter and David Crockett who accompanied me, that the building itself was worth saving; but as the ancient hearth and home of the Washington family, from which all the Washingtons get the name — state, cities, towns and many thousands of people—it seemed most important to do everything possible to help restore it and save it as a memorial for future generations.

Returning home from a trip which took me down the eastern shores of England through Boston, Ipswich, Waldingfield, Groton and many other towns with the same names as towns in New England, I published a pamphlet entitled "Washington Old Hall, Our Oldest Patriotic Monument", which was sent out broadcast. I was much impressed by the response which enabled us to send over sufficient funds to complete its restoration this year.

I told Lord Gort that we should plan an opening ceremony of great "panache" and send out a very large number of invitations, for if only a few came, many would know that there was such a place as Washington Old Hall.

We were able to get the National Trust of England to take title to the property, the Washington Urban District Council to take a 99-year maintenance lease.

Lord Gort got in touch with the Lord Lieutenant of Durham, Lord Lawson of Beamish, who has the right to use the State rooms of the great Palace of the former Prince Bishops of Durham. Through his invitation, we sent out invitations to a great many people, to a luncheon there on September 26, 1955.

The Honorable Winthrop Aldrich, our Ambassador to the Court of St. James, agreed to give the opening address.

I flew to Newcastle with the Ambassador and his staff on September 26 of this year. We were met by Lord and Lady Lawson and his staff. We were whisked through Newcastle to the great Fortress Hill of Durham. After being shown through the twelfth and thirteenth century Cathedral which is one of the finest buildings of the world, we walked across the close to the courtyard of the Palace. Standing on parade in their uniforms of 1776 stood a company of the Washington Greys who carry on the tradition of the personal bodyguard of George Washington. By invitation of the Ambassador, they had been flown over from New York and added much to the pageantry of the occasion. The Company was reviewed by Lord Lawson and the Ambassador.

We then assembled in the large reception room of the Palace where we were introduced to 180 guests and sat down to luncheon in the great banqueting hall. Lord Lawson presided at the luncheon with charm and humor, and after a number of speeches, we were transported in a fleet of motor cars to the Town of Washington.

It is interesting as you travel, to come to a sign post which reads, "6 miles to Washington—4 miles to New York" which in England consists of only a few buildings.

Arriving in Washington, where I think the whole town turned out to welcome us, we were greeted by the Chairman of the Washington Urban District Council and by martial music played by the Durham Light Infantry Band. We assembled in the courtyard and our national anthem was played as the American Flag was raised on one flagpole, and to "God Save the Queen" the British Flag was unfurled on another. The American Ambassador was

presented by Lord Gort with a finely wrought key to Washington Old Hall.

Under the chairmanship of Lord Gort, the Committee has restored this ancient Manor House with great skill, maintaining its contemporary features with much of the foundation, windows, arches and fireplace from the original building.

The Chairman of the Washington Urban District Council, in accepting responsibility for the future maintenance of the House as a Community Center for Washington, agreed that the large Hall and adjoining room should be open to visitors as a museum to contain objects associated with George Washington.

Lord Gort loaned contemporary furniture which together with prints and other Washington memorabilia made the rooms look exceedingly well. Through the generosity of Miss Mabel Choate, the former kitchen has been beautifully panelled in memory of her distinguished father, Joseph Choate, and in the great fireplace is a complete set of kitchen equipment which came from the London House of the Dukes of Norfolk, which was recently torn down. All this added interest to the rooms.

After the ceremonies, we were led across the square to a large tent where by invitation of the County Council we were served tea, following which Lord Lawson bade goodbye to the Ambassador and his staff and we flew back to London in time for dinner.

At the occasion, I said that Washington Old Hall was of far more importance than merely of antiquarian interest. As a working Community Center it is now a living memorial to George Washington, who was typical of the great character of the people of Northumbria, and, therefore, a link between the liberty-loving people of England and America.

But more than this, it is a memorial as well to the first settlers to America who came to New England in the early part of the seventeenth century at a time when executive power was bearing down not only all over Europe but England as well.

They came with the "unwanted alliance of intense religious enthusiasm, the instinct of self-government and the spirit of personal independence" and also brought with them that lighted candle which Hugh Latimer, the great teacher and divine (whom even Henry VIII did not dare touch), spoke of when, after the Heresy Bill was passed, he went to the stake and, turning to a friend who looked a little pale, said, "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man. We shall light here in England a candle, which I trust by God's Grace will never go out."

With these courageous immigrants came John Winthrop, Jr., first governor of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, from Groton, East Anglia. In 1640, together with the Rev. Nathaniel Ward—first Pastor of the Church in Ipswich, Mass. (a graduate of Immanuel

College who had entered the ministry and emigrated when he was suspended by Bishop Laud for Puritanism)—he compiled the First Forty Laws of the Massachusetts Bay Colony called the "Body of Liberties." These laws inspired Declarations of Rights in other States. They contain principles of all the hard-won Charters of Liberties dating from the days of King Stephen and Henry II, to the Assize of Clarendon which established Trial by Jury, to the Habeas Corpus Act and the Magna Carta—that Charter of Liberty upon which the whole history of England is a commentary.

As you probably know, The Trustees of Reservations have recently opened one of the rooms in the great house at Castle Hill which contains a collection of documents of the Magna Carta together with pictures of statesmen who fought for and won the battles of Liberties and this is a reminder of the link between Castle Hill, Ipswich, Mass. and Washington Old Hall, Durham County, England, stemming from the same roots.

When our Constitution was written following the War of Independence, which was fought to secure the rights which our fore-fathers enjoyed without question in the homeland, many of the States refused to ratify, believing that any form of government, even under a written Constitution, granting centralized authority, would eventually turn to tyranny from which they had only recently escaped. Many statesmen in England at that time agreed with a remark of a member of Parliament who said, "The worst that can be said of America is that she is imitating the mother country."

For ten years following, the Federalists and Anti-Federalists carried on a bitter fight. Such leaders as Samuel Adams said, "Democracy will not last long for it soon wastes, exhausts and murders itself" and Thomas Jefferson remarked, "The natural process of things is for liberty to yield and tyranny to gain ground." When Benjamin Franklin was asked by a lady, following the Constitutional Convention, "What is it Mr. Franklin, a monarchy or a republic?" He replied, "A republic ma'm, if we can keep it, but I fear that this form of government will last only for a course of years and will end in dictatorship when the people become so corrupt they will turn to dictatorship, being incapable of any other form."

Even George Washington despaired of ever influencing many of our States to join a federal government. It was not until George Mason of Virginia boiled down the Virginia Declaration of Rights into what was called the "Bill of Rights" and which were added to our Constitution as "The Ten Amendments" that the various States which previously had refused to sign, consented to ratify, believing that with the Bill of Rights, individuals were protected against the power and danger of centralized government.

Therefore, it was this Bill of Rights which unified this country,

and which descends from the "Body of Liberties" of Massachusetts and which go back to the Common Law of England and the

Magna Carta.

It is interesting that in all the history of the empires of the East and in all the 1,000 years of the Roman Empire, there was no idea of representative government. The first known Representative Assemblies were found in the towns of East Anglia, coming with the Danes and Vikings, and nowhere in England was parliamentary government more unquestionable or unquenchable than in East Anglia. From these Representative Assemblies sprang the British Parliament—the model of our Congress.

Thus, it can be said that the representative idea of government in nation-making is particularly an English conception and was

brought to America by the first settlers.

Emerson once remarked, "Only the English race can be trusted with freedom—freedom which is double-edged and dangerous to

any but the wise and robust."

We in America share the cultural heritage of England, the language of Shakespeare and the English Bible, and more: we share the liberties of the Common Law and the long, hard-won traditions of English liberty. All of us in America, whatever our racial origins, are the beneficiaries of this tradition, to which we have, of course, added our own virile and cherished native American love of liberty.

Visitors to Washington Old Hall, Washington, D. C., England, will recall events in the history of both England and America that have guided our common destiny, and should be aroused to a sense and feeling of the obligation that lies upon each of us toward shaping that destiny worthily.

At this time, I once again wish to thank my confreres for their conscientious help during the many years of my term in office.

Also, I wish to repeat that we as an organization should never have any pride of ownership but be ready to co-operate with the State and other organizations in helping to provide more open spaces for recreation and conservation which are becoming increasingly important.

Cites and suburbia are closing in on us fast. Population is doubling every fifty years and as recently pointed out, Americans spend more money today for recreation than our entire national income of 20 years ago. Thus, one of our great problems is to provide more recreational areas before it is too late.

There is great opportunity for this Society to work with the State in the preparation of a Comprehensive Recreational and Conservation Development Plan which looks into the future.

Again I wish to thank my confreres of the Standing Committee for this award which is in the form of a Sun Dial. I can now watch the hours and let the years take care of themselves.

President Walcott then introduced Commissioner Arthur T. Lyman the recipient of the annual award.\*

## President Walcott:

The gentleman whom I am now going to call upon and who will receive the Conservation Award today, is a distinguished citizen of our Commonwealth. His grandfather was one of the able Mayors of Boston, and his reputation is still perpetuated in the School for Boys at Westborough. Ever since the age of thirty, he has been engaged in public enterprises. Before occupying his present position he was Commissioner of Corrections for Massachusetts, thus carrying on the interest of his grandfather in the Lyman School. A year ago, in visiting those of the Plymouth Ponds which are in the public domain, I noted the neatness of several of the cabins at the state ponds, talked with several of the families occupying the cabins, and later discovered that the well-conducted occupants were being allowed on trial there from some state institutions. He instigated the plan of having the well-behaved criminals in the institutions do forestry work under the supervision of the state, very successfully.

Mr. Lyman very graciously received the award, and responded with an address entitled "Massachusetts Has What It Takes," the text of which is reproduced in part.

# Mr. Lyman:

Thank you, Judge Walcott. I realize that my presence at this meeting of The Trustees of Reservations today is not in any sense a usual one, since I have been selected for the singular honor of receiving your Conservation Award. To say that I am flattered by your selection of me is sheer understatement.

Frankly, I am overwhelmed simply because your judgment of my achievement as Commissioner of Natural Resources in Massachusetts brackets me and the Department I represent in the company of the all-time greats of conservation.

When I contemplate, that in previous years this award has been presented to such an outstanding national personality and authority on public outdoor recreation programs as Robert Moses of New York—that on another occasion it was given to one of the world's foremost philanthropists, John D. Rockefeller, Jr.—still another time, to such a conservationist as Fairfield Osborn, whose fame is world-wide—and on the other occasions to very outstanding conservationists—then I realize only too well the significance of this occasion. It is a public recognition that the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources is on the right track and is fulfilling its primary purpose in the wise management of this Commonwealth's natural resources, both for the enjoyment and use of our present-day citizens, and with regard to the welfare of those who will take our places in the future.

Time and again, I have been asked, "What does Massachusetts have that makes it so beloved and so outstanding?"

Our State possesses in miniature the great topographical variety of our Nation itself. Eastward, we start with the coastal plains holding our valuable beaches—sandy and rocky. Continuing westward, we rise upon the miniature forested foothills of the Appalachian Mountain range and having crossed them, dip into the wide fertile Connecticut Valley—the counterpart of the great Mississippi Valley. Still continuing westward, we climb the beautiful Berkshire Hills—again a counterpart of the Rocky Mountains.

Between the sandy shores of Provincetown, at the outer tip of Cape Cod, and the gentle slopes of the Berkshire Hills, as they descend westward into the Lebanon Valley, lies some of the most beautiful and diversified country in the whole wide world. rugged rock-bound coast of the North Shore and the great stretches of beaches on the South Shore and around the Cape offer two thousand miles of coast line that have provided commerce and pleasure for countless generations of Massachusetts residents and visitors from afar. The rural hills of the Petersham, Barre, and Worcester area offer picture book vistas that delight the eye at any season. The great Pioneer Valley of the Connecticut River, with its broad acres of tobacco farms, truck gardens, busy cities and sleepy hamlets give an ever-changing picture of the American way of life. And, finally, the Berkshires with their unspoiled natural beauty, their green forests, their rocky glens, their tumbling waterfalls and swift rivers all combined in a breathtaking panorama that extends from Vermont to Connecticut and simultaneously inspires us with strength and courage and faith in God's handiwork. Where else in this nation can you find all these wonders of Nature except in Massachusetts?

Surrounded as we are by great schools, colleges, universities and institutions of learning and research whose reputations are not only national but international as well, it is not surprising that our nearly five million people attract anyone that needs the very best in brains and ability. Greater Boston truly represents through its institutions, the Hub of the Universe of the scientific and research brotherhood of the world. It is not just chance that Sir Anthony Eden, a Siamese Prince, and the beloved President of the United States turn to us for medical help when the need arises. Our doctors have not failed these great nor the myriad patients who come from all parts of the world, as well as here, and whose names are not so well-known.

Industry has been attracted by the availability of exceptionally skilled labor that has been held here by the charm and fascination of the variety of Nature's recreational opportunities that lie within easy reach. The appreciation of the peace of mind in the fullest sense that comes from these natural assets has held our people here

when the individual dollar sign would have been more attractive elsewhere. Contented employees are an enormous asset to the industrialist. Our natural assets are priceless.

Looking back through the years, you find that The Trustees of Reservations have been responsible for the acquisition of many of our forests and parks, particularly Nickerson State Park at Brewster, the most popular of all State areas. You also find that the Bay Circuit, now about to become a reality, was originally proposed by The Trustees in 1929. You can also discover that necessary ways and means for outdoor recreational projects on a grand scale can be forthcoming if you consider Crane's Beach, where The Trustees of Reservations have demonstrated that a complete unit can be operated and enjoyed by everyone on a payas-you-go basis. That is all the proof necessary to convince anyone that Massachusetts has what it takes.

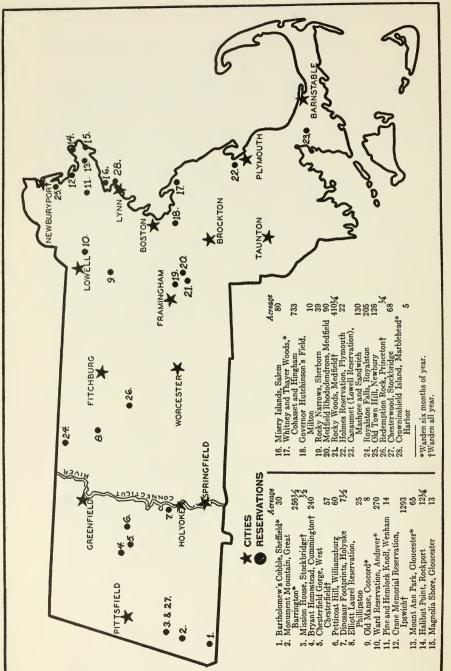
Today has been one of the greatest days in my career spanning over a quarter century in public service. The fact that you have selected me as the recipient for your Conservation Award is ample proof to me as an individual that I have succeeded in some measure—however small— in contributing to Massachusetts, the scene of my lifetime activities, something of value in exchange for the privilege of being a citizen of this Commonwealth. [Applause.]

The Annual Conference was adjourned at three o'clock in the afternoon.

<sup>\*</sup>The award in recognition of distinguished service in the field of conservation has been presented to the following:

1933	Dr. John C. Phillips		1944	JAY NORWOOD DARLING
1934	SAMUEL A. YORK		1945	CHARLES SUMNER BIRD
1935	WILLIAM P. WHARTON		1946	HARLAN PAGE KELSEY
1936	JOHN S. AMES		1947	HARRIS AQUILLA REYNOLDS
1937	Mrs. S. V. R. Crosby		1948	LAURENCE BROWN FLETCHER
1938	JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.		1949	FAIRFIELD OSBORN
1939	Mrs. James J. Storrow		1950	LOUISE DU PONT CROWNINSHIELD
1940	NEWTON BISHOP DRURY		1951	CHARLES RUSSELL MASON
1941	ROBERT MOSES		1952	WALTER PRICHARD EATON
1942	FREDERICK LAW OLMSTED		1953	BENTON MACKAYE
1943	WILLIAM SUMNER APPLETON		1954	ROBERT WALCOTT
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1955 ARTHUR THEODORE LYMAN



Properties Owned and Privately Administered by The Trustees of Reservations—1891-1955 ALL RESERVATIONS ARE BIRD SANCTUARIES

# PROPERTIES

# Owned and Maintained by

# THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

Acquire	D RESERVATION	ACREAGE
1897	Mount Ann Park, Gloucester. By gift: 1897, 72 acres; Taken by Commonwealth of Massachusetts: 1952, 7 acres .	65
1897	Rocky Narrows, Sherborn. By gift: 1897, 21 acres; 1940, 18 acres	39
1898	Governor Hutchinson's Field, Milton. By gift	10
1899	Monument Mountain Reservation, Great Barrington. By gift: 1899, 260 acres. Taken by Commonwealth of Massachusetts: 1953, 3½ acres	$256\frac{1}{2}$
1905	Petticoat Hill, Williamsburg. By gift: 1905, 50 acres. Through purchase: 1923, 10 acres	60
1928	William Cullen Bryant Homestead, Cummington. By bequest	240
1929	Chesterfield Gorge, West Chesterfield. Through purchase: 1929, 17½ acres; 1949, 4½ acres. By gift: 1950, 30 acres. By gift: 1955, 5 acres	57
1933	Whitney and Thayer Woods, Cohasset and Hingham. By gift: 1933, 643 acres; 1935, 25 acres (Bancroft Sanctuary); 1937, 20 acres; 1941, 10 acres; 1943, 28 acres; 1950, 8 acres. Through purchase: 1944, 60 acres; 1947, 53 acres; 1948, 5 acres; 1952, 6 acres. Taken by U. S. Government: 1942, 125 acres.	733
1934	Medfield Rhododendrons, Medfield. By gift: 1934, 27 acres; 1936, 2 acres; 1937, 61 acres	90
1934	Halibut Point, Rockport. By gift: 1934, 12 acres; 1944, 5 acres. Through purchase: 1936, 28 acres. Deeded under authority of the Supreme Judicial Court; 1954, 323/4 acres.	$12\frac{1}{4}$
1935	Dinosaur Footprints, Holyoke. Through purchase	71/2
1935	Misery Islands, Salem. By gift: 1935, 68 acres; 1938, 6½ acres; 1940, 5 acres. Through purchase: 1950, ½ acre; 1955, 2½ acres	82½

1936	Magnolia Shore, Gloucester. By gift	13
1936	Pine and Hemlock Knoll, Wenham. By gift	14
1939	Old Manse, Concord. Through purchase	8
1940	Charles W. Ward Reservation, Andover. By gift: 1940, 154 acres; 1941, 10 acres; 1944, 37 acres; 1945, 78 acres; 1950, ½ acre. Deeded to Mabel B. Ward: 1947, 3½ acres.	276
1941	Elliott Laurel Reservation, Phillipston. By gift	25
1942	Rocky Woods, Medfield. By gift: 1942, 303 acres; 1946, 31 acres; 1948, 2 acres; 1949, 52 acres; 1950, 7 acres; 1951, 15 acres; 1953, 1/4 acre	4101/4
1942	Canaumet (Lowell Holly Reservation), Mashpee and Sandwich. By bequest	130
1944	Holmes Reservation, Plymouth. By gift, 21 acres; 1955, 1 acre	22
1945	Richard T. Crane, Jr., Memorial Reservation, Ipswich. By gift: 1945, 1000 acres; 1949, 50 acres. By bequest: 1949, 300 acres. Taken by Florence Crane Belossel- sky: 1952, 55 acres. Taken by Town of Ipswich: 1953, 1,6 acres	1293
1946	Bartholomew's Cobble, Sheffield. Through purchase .	30
1948	Mission House, Stockbridge. By gift	1/2
1951	Royalston Falls, Royalston. By gift: 1951, 200 acres; 1954, 5 acres	205
1952	Old Town Hill, Newbury. By gift	111
1952	Redemption Rock, Princeton. By gift	1⁄4
1954	Chesterwood, Stockbridge. By gift: 18 acres; 1955, 50 acres	68
1955	Crowninshield Island, Marblehead Harbor By gift:	5

# MANAGEMENT OF RESERVATIONS

## GENERAL POLICIES

To welcome the public on the Reservations, which are set aside for the enjoyment of natural beauty and the edification provided by historic places; they are not preserved as amusement parks.

To preserve The Trustees' lands in pristine condition.

To cherish handsome trees, native wildflowers, and shrubs.

To protect birds and wildlife.

To keep vistas open and excess scrub growth cut down.

To keep to a minimum all roads, paths, parking areas, picnic grounds, service buildings, etc., and where they are required to have them simple and inconspicuous.

To preserve historical landmarks.

## LOCAL COMMITTEES OF MANAGEMENT

## Preamble

All property of all Reservations, together with all their assets and liabilities, belongs to and is the responsibility of The Trustees of Reservations.

The Trustees have delegated power to act to a Standing Committee, which determines policies, authorizes disbursements of monies, and stipulates the terms of use of the Reservations by the public.

To assist it the Standing Committee appoints a Local Committee for each Reservation to represent it in administration and to carry out the principles of The Trustees.

# Composition

- 1. Individuals who have concern for the Reservation and will help administer and oversee it as circumstances require.
- 2. One or more members of the Standing Committee, when practicable.
- 3. One or more voting members of the Corporation of The Trustees of Reservations, if practicable.

### Duties

- 1. To arrange for the visiting public.
- 2. To receive income from fees payable for service rendered visitors; to help the Standing Committee find funds for normal and extraordinary expenses of the Reservation; and to report on the same according to regulations of the Standing Committee.
- 3. To hire, pay, and superintend such labor and buy such materials as may be required for construction and maintenance of the Reservation, and to account for the same according to regulations of the Standing Committee.

- 4. To protect the Reservation from injury and mistreatment.
- 5. To report annually to the Standing Committee on matters of current interest.
- 6. To make recommendations to the Standing Committee for such changes and improvements, construction, and emergency work as may be needed or desirable. This would include all undertakings which affect the permanent character of the area, such as increase of land holdings; tree felling; building of roads, major trails, and firebreaks; designs for planting, shelters, service buildings, memorials, etc.; and alterations of existing buildings.
- 7. To keep on file in the office of The Trustees of Reservations all rules and regulations controlling the administration of the Reservation, all of which must be agreed upon between the Local Committee and the Standing Committee.

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Study and appreciation of the Reservation are to be encouraged. Where feasible, descriptions of the land, local history, geology, botany, ecology, bird lore, and wildlife should be collected and published for the use of visitors.

Where conditions permit, a small area should be set aside in the Reservation where typical objects could be labeled to explain different kinds of rocks, plants, trees, etc., for the information of visitors.

# BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE (SHEFFIELD)

Walter Prichard Eaton, Chairman
Mrs. William A. Berringe Rodney Procter
Mrs. Lawrence K. Miller Robert K. Wheeler

### S. WALDO BAILEY, Warden

The Cobble suffered only temporarily from the severe heat and drought in 1955, and not at all from the floods. But attendance was much reduced. During the entire season there were 680 paying visitors, from 30 states and 4 foreign countries, and 450 visitors admitted free—from camps, schools, and local organizations. Obviously there should be many more visitors than this. In July there were only 117 paying visitors, in August, 91, and in September, 31. These are normally our best months. The Cobble would gain in appeal during hot weather if there were drinking water available, and water, also, would perhaps attract more people to use the picnic facilities provided at the southern end. Mr. Bailey and your committee believe that water could be quickly reached near the picnic area. If a well were drilled and a pump installed, attendance might be considerably increased. During the season the warden removed a number of small trees which had grown up and were obscuring the view of the ferns, and also opened new vistas of the river. Without cattle to keep the grass down, it is necessary to keep the paths mowed. This has been done by hand machine. It would greatly facilitate the work if the Warden could be proved with a power mower.

# WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT HOMESTEAD (CUMMINGTON)

CONRAD G. GODDARD, Chairman LESLIE PORTER

Owing to the reconstruction of the State Highway No. 9, leading through the valley, travel in our direction was made difficult. Then the floods impeded traffic on the detour roads. In fact, the West Cummington road was impassible for weeks at a time.

The earlier part of the summer we had about the usual number of visitors, but almost none at all after the floods started. The grand total was 118 persons.

The new heating system has prevented the dangerous dampness in the cellar, which had rotted a number of the beams previously. A number of small trees and shrubs were planted about the house, making it look less bare. The entire outside of the Homestead was given one or two coats of white paint, as needed, and the result has been most satisfactory, as we have received many compliments on the job done.

Route 112 has been relocated to lead more directly towards the Homestead, but due to floods has not yet been given a hard surface.

A most interesting discovery was made this summer—that a large portion of "Lower Pasture" of 64 acres apparently is virgin forest, the trees are very large and tall, and show no signs of ever having been cut down. This is in part confirmed by the survey Mr. Bryant had made in 1870, which showed half the pasture as forest at that time. It is most impressive to wander through these groves—some of pure pine, others of deciduous trees—with the "Rivulet" having made a canyon about 50 or 60 feet deep through the middle of them.

# CANAUMET: LOWELL HOLLY RESERVATION (Mashpee and Sandwich)

WILFRID WHEELER, Chairman

COLONEL BERNARD F. GORFINKLE

For a number of years the winters have been so mild that little or no ice formed in the ponds adjacent to the Holly Reservation, Wakeby and Mashpee, in consequence the problem of winter tresspass over the ice was not a problem, but the past December saw the ponds frozen deeply and this brought the ice fishermen in large numbers much of the month: while this may not seem serious for the Reservation yet it made the hollies easily accessible to anyone who would walk across the ice from many directions. There was quite a lot of vandalism in particular to the small hollies which could be easily reached. Fortunately there was a light crop on most of the trees and this so high that it could not be reached without ladders.

The problem of fires made along the shores is another one that

must be stopped, for in many places fires were made in the midst of the native plants along the shore, killing them, and in some places trees were cut and burned. This all suggests that there must be a warden for at least the month of December, and if the winters are going to bring the fishermen, something will have to be done about the fire problem, for while this may not be a danger to the woods, with snow on the ground it is going to be a menace to the shrubbery along the shore and also in wood-cutting. While signs might be a help, the usual fate of the sign is that it is used to make a fire.

The past season we were able to make six turnouts on the road to the picnic area, and these should provide ample room for cars to pass. The ruts in the road were filled with gravel but in places after heavy rains a lot of mud and water collect. The road needs a lot of attention each year, for there is a lot of travel over it now.

Last year I spoke of feeding some of the larger hollies, such trees as have not borne any berries for several years. It becomes increasingly important to do this; as the trees get older they will show the lack of nourishment, not only in fewer berries but in dead wood and poor leaves. It would seem in a way that more feeding and less pruning will have to be done soon.

The picnic area continues to attract many visitors particularly on week ends. We need more tables and larger spaces cleared to give people a chance to lay their own picnic tables or covers.

The addition of Colonel Bernard F. Gorfinkle, who has a summer cottage near the entrance to the Reservation, to the committee, will help much in its better care, for Colonel Gorfinkle has been appointed as a special officer on the Mashpee Police force. Already we find that there are much better conditions at the picnic area at week ends. His addition to the committee is greatly appreciated by the chairman.

The high water during the past two years has made the mosquito problem much more serious, and in spite of the fine work of the Cape Cod Mosquito Control crew, we have had several bad outbreaks of this pest the last year. There are so many small water holes in the Reservation and, in addition, on the shores about it, that complete mosquito control is very difficult.

The rhododendron bloom this season was very good and persons wanting to see them at their best should come about the end of the first week in June. There are many single plants among the beech woods and while some of these are late blooming still there are many that bloom with the large groups.

While we are known as the Holly Reservation, there are many other fine trees, especiallythe large beeches, an unusual tree on Cape Cod, but here are some specimens that rival those of the mountain districts.



AT BARTHOLOMEW'S COBBLE, two birders spy on one of the more than 200 species of birds which frequent the Cobble. Interest in birds is second only to that in the overwhelming flora variety of more than 500 species. Gifts to this beautiful reservation will make possible continuation of the warden's instructive guided tours and his careful protection of the natural specimens occurring here. Warden service April 10 to October 10.



Mrs. William Penn Cresson of Stockbridge, Massachusetts, daughter of the late Daniel Chester French. Mrs. Cresson is the donor to The Trustees, of Chesterwood, the studio of her distinguished father, together with about 70 acres of land, including the beautiful gardens. Mrs. Cresson is standing before the statue of the seated Lincoln in Washington, D. C., which was executed at the Chesterwood studio by her father.

# CHESTERFIELD GORGE (WEST CHESTERFIELD)

WINTHROP S. DAKIN, Chairman
AUBREY B. BUTLER
MRS. CLARENCE E. SWENSON

1955 was a disturbing year for the Gorge. Mrs. Frank W. Thayer who had lived there for 38 years, 35 of them with her late husband, decided in February that at the age of 86 she should no longer continue there alone. She moved to a "home", auctioned her belongings, released to The Trustes her life estate there, and died in October, leaving by her will gifts to neighbors in Chesterfield who had befriended herself and her husband over the years. Thus ends a chapter in the history of the Gorge and the last of two colorful, sturdy and memorable personalities who presided there for so long.

No figures were recorded of attendance of visitors in 1955. Mr. Kellogg maintained the attractiveness of the premises with his customary diligence. Repairs need to be made to the house before it becomes suitable for new occupants, and funds therefor are still wanting. The Committee notes with deep gratitude that late in the year The Quinnehtuk Company gave The Trustees a deed of several parcels of land on both banks of the Westfield River, totaling nearly five acres, the most notable being the parcel embracing the impressive cliff on the east side of the Gorge.

# CHESTERWOOD, THE STUDIO OF DANIEL CHESTER FRENCH (STOCKBRIDGE)

ROBERT K. WHEELER, Chairman

MRS. WILLIAM PENN CRESSON STUART C. HENRY
HENRY W. DWIGHT STEPHEN B. HIBBARD
WALTER PRICHARD EATON MRS. RODNEY PROCTER
WILLIAM R. GREELEY MISS ROSAMOND SHERWOOD

One of the most brilliant and interesting occasions that has occurred in the Berkshire Hill section of Massachusetts in a number of years was the dedication of the Chesterwood Studio at Stockbridge, the studio of Daniel Chester French, sculptor of the Lincoln Memorial. This studio, with a lovely garden and 68 acres of land, was given by the sculptor's daughter, Mrs. William Penn Cresson, to The Trustees, to be maintained as a memorial to her distinguished father. One hundred fifty people assembled on June 25 for the dedication of this Reservation, and heard President Robert Walcott of The Trustees give a brief and interesting preamble of the history of the Studio, followed by gracious remarks of Mrs. Cresson, as she presented the keys of the Studio to President Walcott.

From June 26, the opening of the Studio to the public, to September 25, there were 2,223 visitors. Had it not been for the intense heat of the summer, and the floods of September, it is estimated there would have been twice the number of visitors up to closing time. It is expected that in 1956 the attendance will be much larger.

# RICHARD T. CRANE, JR., MEMORIAL RESERVATION (IPSWICH)

CHARLES S. BIRD CORNELIUS CRANE DAVID C. CROCKETT MAURICE M. OSBORNE WILLIAM PHILIPS ROBERT WALCOTT

Always, the attendance at the beach is in the hands of those gods who control the weather. During 1955 the deities chose to smile indulgently upon the management of and visitors to the Crane Reservation. With the exception of two weeks in June, the overall weather picture bordered on the ideal. The week of July 4 might be considered the peak of the season, when a total of 5,769 cars paid for parking, and an estimated 23,236 people enjoyed the beach. The attendance at Steep Hill paralleled that at the beach. Appetites were as good as the weather, and visitors consumed better than 1,000 gallons of ice cream, 82,100 cans or bottles of soft drinks, 23,750 hot dogs, and 8,000 sandwiches during the season. Hot dogs and soft drinks in cans rather than bottles, were innovations this year at the beach. The hot dogs caught on very quickly, and the new style containers lightened the work of the operating crew.

The reservation was organized into five departments by the General Manager: store, beach, bath-house, Steep Hill and police. Weekly meetings of the Department chiefs were held to permit open discussion and coordination of departments. The five-pronged system proved very satisfactory, and probably will be continued.

The First Aid service at the beach was improved, and a medical student was in attendance on week-ends. Due to Mr. David C. Crockett's efforts, the Massachusetts Humane Society presented the Trustees with two resuscitators, and a new boat and outboard motor, for use by the life guards. The number of life guards was increased, and new safety stands added. Life guards hired at the beach were all qualified and trained along life-saving procedures, and a constant check was made on their alertness and attention to duty. Safety is the prime consideration at the beach.

Store hours were reduced this year, since the hours at the start and finish of the day were proving to be expensive with little income. Personnel at the beach were uniformed in white trousers, short-sleeved shirts and pith helmets.

A fire in the chimney of the Great House at Castle Hill did a small amount of damage, which was covered by insurance. The boilers have been operated economically this winter, keeping the temperature below 50 degrees, and some maintenance work has improved the boiler efficiency.

New roof leaks have been found and repaired, and seem to be stopped. The damage to ceilings from these and previous leaks has been repaired. The Committee on Management of the Castle Hill Foundation has organized a sub-committee, known as the House

Furnishing Group. At the head of this group is Mrs. Frederick L. Stagg, who has taken a keen interest in the redecoration of the Great House. New window-shades are being purchased for the formal rooms on the first floor, and it is the Group's intention to redecorate one at a time certain rooms in this area. Funds are being raised by the Foundation to take care of any expense incurred in this project. Mrs. Stagg has also arranged for loans of furniture and pictures from the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and from a number of other sources, all of which have greatly added to the beauty of the House.

Mr. Charles Sumner Bird, a member of our Standing Committee, has shown his interest in Castle Hill by instituting a "Bay of Freedom" in the alcove off the hallway on the second floor of the Great House. Here he has placed various documents and pictures on the walls—documents and pictures important to the maintenance of the freedom and liberty of the individual in the United States and in the British Empire. A start has been made in this project; Mr. Bird will do more, and it is hoped that others will begin to share his enthusiasm.

During the off season more picnic tables are being made for Steep Hill, and some further trimming of the view is contemplated.

It has been necessary to replace one truck with a new Willys jeep truck.

Looking ahead it is hoped that in the not too distant future it will be possible to paint all buildings, enlarge the refrigerating equipment at the store, make improvements in store arrangement, start a sand dune control program in the neighborhood of beach buildings, and equip a central office for the General Manager in the Trustees' gate house.

The Committee regrets the recent resignation from its membership of Mr. Bradford Williams, who served as Chairman.

Above report written for the Committee by Nathan Bates, Technical Advisor.

# CROWNINSHIELD ISLAND (MARBLEHEAD HARBOR) WILLIAM BARRY, Warden

# DINOSAUR FOOTPRINTS (HOLYOKE) In statu quo

# ELLIOTT LAUREL RESERVATION (PHILLIPSTON)

JOHN M. WOOLSEY, JR., Chairman
F. W. Elliott
JOHN FISKE
MRS. JOHN FISKE
MRS. HUGH TATLOCK

A two-man woods crew spent several weeks clearing and trimming on the lower part of the Reservation during the spring of 1955. Trees that had overtopped the laurel were removed, and limbs were trimmed from the larger pines. Most of the debris was run through The Trustees' new chipper.

There is still two or three weeks work to be done before the major part of the handsome laurel in the Reservation is freed from the shade of overtopping trees. It will also be necessary to make several applications of chemical weed-killer to the hardwood stumps before the sprouts are discouraged.

The laurel has shown remarkable growth in the areas which have been cleared in the past few years, and there was an encouraging increase in flowering during June.

# GOVERNOR HUTCHINSON'S FIELD (MILTON)

MISS HELEN C. GILBERT, Chairman

MRS. CHARLES F. BATCHELDER, JR. DR. J. DELLINGER BARNEY MRS. PHILIP BENSON

Mrs. C. Rodgers Burgin Dr. Alexander Forbes Robert L. Shewell

The elements were kind to Governor Hutchinson's Field during the year of 1955. Hurricane winds spared our trees, and floods flowed harmlessly into the Neponset River, which lies just below us. Our few plantings of recent years prospered.

The late Mrs. Edward P. Hamilton, of our Local Committee, who has recently died, always took a keen interest in our Reservation. Being an ardent gardener herself, and with a special interest in trees, her advice was especially helpful. In the autumn she planted a row of saplings for us, which she had grown on her estate.

Another member of the Local Committee, Mrs. B. Nason Hamlin, died last summer. She was filling the vacancy caused by the death of her husband, Mr. Hamlin, who had done so very much for the "Field" previously.

We have secured three promising new members—Mrs. Charles F. Batchelder, Mrs. Philip Benson and Mrs. C. Rodgers Burgin. They are sure to help maintain the present policies, and keep this Reservation in order for the enjoyment of all who use it.

# HALIBUT POINT (ROCKPORT)

LOUIS H. D. MACLEOD, Chairman

ALDRO T. HIBBARD J. B. WITHERBY H. LAWRENCE JODREY, JR. DR. DANIEL M. ROGERS H. CHESTER STORY

The number of visitors for the 1955 season has been greater than ever before. Each year finds more and more people visiting this beauty spot.

There has been a number of improvements made this season for the convenience of the public.

Due to the generosity of the Chairman, Mr. MacLeod, in donating some land, the parking area has been enlarged. After clearing brush, adding fill, and bulldozing, the Reservation now has a very much improved parking area. Appreciation of this improvement has been shown by the increase of parkers. The two new picnic tables in this area were very much in use.

The Town of Rockport has macadamized Gott Avenue, the road leading into the Reservation. This makes it more enjoyable for the motorists, as the old road was quite rough.

The trimming of the brush and filling in of the ruts in the main path to the Reservation made access much easier for visitors. The new latrines are also a convenience that is sure to be appreciated.

The Reservation now has part-time warden service to police the grounds and collect parking fees.

## HOLMES RESERVATION (PLYMOUTH)

SPENCER H. BREWSTER, Chairman
HENRY HORNBLOWER, II RAYMOND E. MISKELLY
JAMES A. WHITE

Our investigations into parking arrangements have eliminated one plan which proved to be too expensive. Another alternative involving angle parking along the side of Robbins Road will next be explored.

During the year, the Holmes Reservation was increased in size by an adjoining lot of approximately one acre generously given by the Plymouth Cordage Company, and constituting a valuable additional shoreline property.

The Plymouth County Farm management is working out very satisfactorily, the first step of a five-year program of land rejuvenation having been accomplished. Incidentally, I note that last-year's report erroneously stated that the Reservation would receive a payment per ton of hay removed by the Plymouth County Farm. Our arrangement involves a considerable investment by the Farm in lime, fertilizer and seed with the result that no payments are anticipated for the five years of our agreement.

## MAGNOLIA SHORE (GLOUCESTER)

WILLIAM H. COOLIDGE, Chairman HARVEY H. BUNDY WILLIAM A. McCARTHY

In statu quo

## MEDFIELD RHODODENDRONS (MEDFIELD)

JOHN S. AMES. Chairman

BENJAMIN S. BLAKE WALTER HUNNEWELL
MRS. JOHN WELLS FARLEY MRS. AUGUSTIN H. PARKER
MISS SYLVIA WARREN

The rhododendrons in 1954 did not flower as well as expected. There were scattering blooms here and there. This year, due to the heavy rain, the plants on the Knoll which have hardly flowered before, are now showing a great many flower buds, as do most of the other plants in wetter situations. It is expected the 1956 bloom will be the best in many years.

Tyler and Cox have done more clearing near the entrance which makes that part of the Reservation more attractive than usual.

The Chairman and Mr. Laurence B. Fletcher (the Executive Director), made several trips together to the Reservation.

## MISERY ISLANDS (SALEM HARBOR)

(Local Committee being reorganized)

The purchase of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  acres of land at Misery Island was of importance, for the only remaining land not now owned by the Trustees on this island is about 3 acres owned by Mr. Eugene Connolly. This gift was made possible through the generosity of Mr. John S. Lawrence, Chairman of the Local Misery Island Committee. Mr. Lawrence was also helpful in having the Boston office raise \$1,500 toward the development of Misery Island. It is hoped that a warden will be secured who will be in daily attendance at the Island.

## MISSION HOUSE (STOCKBRIDGE)

MISS MABEL CHOATE, Honorary Chairman

HENRY W. DWIGHT, Chairman MISS ROSAMOND SHERWOOD, Vice Chairman CHARLES A. ACLY, Clerk
MRS. E. GILLETTE WILCOX,
Fiscal Agent

Joseph H. Choate, III Mrs. William Penn Cresson Walter Prichard Eaton MISS MARIAN HAGUE LAWRENCE K. MILLER FLETCHER STEELE

#### ARTHUR N. BARTLETT, Custodian

The total of visitors to the Mission House during the 1955 season was greater than during 1954. Thus the declining trend of the past several years was stopped and the chart line bends slightly upward. This is of great satisfaction to the local committee. Perhaps the reason is that the sign was repainted in more eye catching colors and the location shifted a few feet, which may have attracted more passing motorists.

As usual, Mr. Bartlett and his staff operated the House in their long-known pleasant and efficient manner. For the second year there were no changes in the Committee membership.

In June we had the unusual and most interesting opportunity to observe, on the other side of the Housatonic River as it meanders through our valley, the dedication and opening of the newest of the Reservations—the Daniel Chester French Studio. The artistry with which this was accomplished brought great credit to those responsible, and to The Trustees of Reservations. As a senior Reservation we welcome the Studio.

## MONUMENT MOUNTAIN (GREAT BARRINGTON)

ROBERT K. WHEELER, Chairman

EDWARD H. ACTON

MRS. A. A. BERLE, JR.
GEORGE D. DEGERSDORFF
WALTER PRICHARD EATON

D. PERCY MORGAN
RODNEY PROCTER
MISS ALICE B. RIGGS
JOHN BUTLER SWANN

#### WILLIAM KEEFNER, Warden

Warden service was available again this year and the use of the Reservation was very gratifying. Some tables and benches were repainted, toilet facilities improved, and several fireplaces repaired. Also, the main trails were cleared of considerable brush and some trees that appeared as a result of several heavy storms.

Until the floods came, this Reservation was visited by many. It is expected that many more visitors will come to this attractive Reservation during 1956.

## MOUNT ANN PARK (WEST GLOUCESTER)

Mrs. Henry Davis Minot, 2nd, Chairman
Clarence A. Birdseye James J. Minot
Henry M. Channing Otis N. Minot

MAURICE M. OSBORNE

## Guilford M. Lowe, Warden

The continued interest of the public in visiting Mount Ann Park in Gloucester has been encouraging to the Local Committee, as there were 6,515 people who signed the visitor's book during 1955.

A warden was installed for Saturday and Sunday during the summer months, who arranged for parties to use the luncheon tables at a small charge. The many visitors who did not register in the book, who just came for the view on the top of Mount Ann, were not included in the figures mentioned, so that it was estimated that there were at least 1,000 more who came to the Park to see the view, who did not stay for luncheon. With the ever-growing interest in this beautiful Reservation, it may be decided to have warden service every day instead of Saturdays and Sundays.

## THE OLD MANSE (CONCORD)

Andrew H. Hepburn, Chairman

MRS. STEDMAN BUTTRICK MRS. RAYMOND EMERSON HENRY H. FAY RUSSELL H. KETTELL Mrs. George S. Keyes Walter K. Shaw

CHARLES L. WARD

MRS. HARRY CLEVELAND, Custodian MISS RUTH E. HELSHER, Fiscal Agent

In 1954 there were 14,809 visitors and in 1955 there were 14,748. The year 1955 started with a balance in the bank of \$1,004.31 and ended with a balance of \$481.03, but during the year we spent on improvements to the house to make it livable for Mrs. Cleveland, \$624.01.

These were unusual expenses, and we need not for the present consider their repetition. Under normal conditions we can about pay our way.

Through the generosity of Mr. William Emerson, we were given \$1,500 toward the installation of a heating plant in the house. The bids for this work total \$2,837, so that it will be necessary to raise about \$1,300 additional funds before the end of the summer.

The chimney for the furnace has already been built and since it was possible to build it in the closets there is no change in the appearance of the house either internally or externally. The cutting for the registers has been done and the heating contractor is now installing the furnace.

It was the opinion of the Concord Committee that while at the moment we could not see our way to heat the house continuously, nor is it necessary, we at least can now keep the dampness out, which is the most important consideration.

The Committee feels that we should seriously consider raising the admission price for the coming season. This has been done by the other Concord organizations under similar circumstances.

## OLD TOWN HILL (NEWBURY)

MRS. GEORGE A. BUSHEE, Chairman

Mrs. A. J. Barton, Jr. Mrs. Dean Snow Joseph Ilsley CLIFTON LUNT JOHN P. MARQUAND ELLIOTT PERKINS

EDMUND SHEPARD

Except for some hurricane clean-up work, performed in January, the year was uneventful. Attendance at the Hill was a little better than normal. As always, the chairman has been vigilant to prevent the intrusion of hunters in the reservation.

#### PETTICOAT HILL (WILLIAMSBURG)

ROBERT F. COLLINS

CHARLES SABO, Chairman
MRS. ROBERT F. COLLINS
MRS. C. N. RHOADES

The Reservation was visited by quite a number during 1955, mostly by younger people. This past year the town of Williamsburg has put in a hard road to the entrance. This, I hope, will make a lot of difference, for before the road was put in it was quite muddy certain times of the year.

## PINE AND HEMLOCK KNOLL (WENHAM)

A. Winslow Dodge, Chairman Horace H. Foster William K. Kopp

GEORGE L. CANN. Warden

Except for a casual inspection which was made during 1955, nothing was done at Pine and Hemlock Knoll Reservation. Since Mr. Cann is living nearby, there is not the problem of vandalism to contend with.

During the winter, all the brush on the Reservation which might have become a fire hazard, was burned. There are some broken snags which will be taken care of later on. More work will be done from time to time, as occasion arises.

## REDEMPTION ROCK (PRINCETON)

Through the generosity of one of our members, we are given the necessary funds each year to keep the Rock in good condition. Recently the inscriptions on the rock have been newly painted black, which makes them much more legible. The grounds also have been cleared of shrubs and small trees that have grown up.

We employ a man who maintains a small postcard stand opposite the Rock, to keep the papers cleared up after visitors come, which is usually on Saturday and Sunday.

## ROCKY NARROWS (SHERBORN)

MRS. GEORGE LEWIS, JR., Chairman
HENRY M. BLISS
JOHN GREW
DR. WILLIAM E. LADD
WRS. GEORGE LEWIS, JR., Chairman
CHARLES E. LILLIE
WALTER H. PROBERT
RICHARD SALTONSTALL

BRADFORD WILLIAMS

The Rocky Narrows Reservation changes little from year to year. The picnic ground is in good order and wood has been put there for the fireplaces. The Reservation seems to be used a considerable amount. It is hard for us to tell just how much. At the time of the terrific rains last fall, it was impossible to get there for a week or two.

#### ROCKY WOODS (MEDFIELD)

DR. JOEL E. GOLDTHWAIT, Chairman MARIO PEDERZINI, Executive Chairman

G. W. Byron Arthur Cook Frank G. Creger Manuel Frasca FRANK G. HALEY
DANA B. JEFFERSON, JR.
ALDEN PEMBER
PATRICK RAY

HOWARD TISDALE

#### DONALD J. BOURET, Warden

1955 was another active year at Rocky Woods Reservation. Each year in preparing the annual report of the Reservation, we have outlined the physical accomplishments and over the years the total of these is impressive. The physical improvements this year were relatively minor. The remainder of the parking lot was hard topped and the building housing the mechanical equipment was enlarged.

Since we have previously put so much emphasis on the physical development of the Reservation, it is wise to pause and review at this time how nearly our activities fulfill the purposes for which the Reservation was created. Enjoyment of our Reservation by the people is one of our major aims. The preservation of beautiful natural areas is another. This implies that such areas are to be used and enjoyed by the public else there would be no point in preserving them. More than 400 acres of the Reservation fall into this category. This area remains in its natural state except for the care which is dictated by good forestry practice. Well kept trails are maintained to increase the enjoyment of this area by the seekers of solitude.

By far the greater percentage of the public prefers to enjoy the outdoors in a more active manner. These activities are concentrated in an area surrounding Chickering Lake. It is in this area that the Reservation fulfills its purpose of creating facilities for public enjoyment. January and February find skating at its peak. The Clubhouse and parking area are crowded to capacity and the revenue from these activities is an important contribution to the cost of running the Reservation. March, April and May bring the trout fishermen in large numbers. June through September fills the Reservation with outings and family picnics. October and November give us a chance to catch up on the many things that need to be done and get ready for December, which again finds skaters converging on the Reservation in large numbers. The number of skaters was so great in December that it was necessary to limit the use of the pond and Clubhouse in order to avoid overcrowding.

In spite of the extensive use of the activity area, it has been kept clean and attractive at all times under the management of our present Warden, Donald Bouret. The scars of construction have healed and the buildings now blend unobtrusively into the natural background to create the appearance of a Reservation rather than a public park.

The management policy of the Reservation was revised in 1955. The Rocky Woods Club, which originally developed and financed many of the activities, had fulfilled its purpose. The Standing Committee of The Trustees of Reservations acted to enlarge the Local Committee to include all of the former members of the Board of Governors of the Rocky Woods Club and directed the Local Committee to assume charge of the activities formerly under the direction of the Club. All members of the enlarged committee have participated actively in the affairs of the Reservation and the new arrangement simplifies finances and responsibility.

## ROYALSTON FALLS (ROYALSTON)

PHILIP D. ORCUTT, Chairman
WILLIAM R. GREELEY PROF. WILLIAM THOMPSON

The late Mr. George L. Foote, the former Chairman of this Local Committee, visited the Falls in the middle of May, and at that time everything seemed to be in excellent order. The path was kept neat from the main road, and the protective wire fence proved to be very satisfactory. It is hoped that many more people will visit the Falls at Royalston during 1956.

## CHARLES W. WARD RESERVATION (ANDOVER)

MRS. CHARLES W. WARD, Chairman

W. Abbot Cheever John W. Kimball Mrs. Charles C. Kimball George K. Sanborn

Well over 500 interested people visited the Ward Reservation during the summer of 1955.

Also, many groups of bird watchers from clubs, troops of Boy and Girl Scouts and a group of youngsters from the Children's Museum in Jamaica Plain enjoyed the hilltop.

Some of these groups were given lectures and demonstrations on how to care for open fires by the District Warden, Alan Frose, and by Essex County patrolmen.

Phillips Academy, as usual, used the reservation for cross country trail running and ski jumping whenever snow was available.

All summer, groups of neighborhood children wandered over the hill in increasing numbers.

Deer, rabbits, foxes, woodchucks, pheasants, a large variety of birds and all too many squirrels are year-round inhabitants of the Reservation.

#### WHITNEY AND THAYER WOODS

(COHASSET AND HINGHAM)

NATHAN W. BATES, Chairman

DR. HENRY F. HOWE CLARENCE H. KNOWLTON Dr. A. K. PAINE HERVEY W. SHIMER

JOHN F. VISSER, JR.

During 1955 our neighbor Jackson Bailey improved his house and lands which are situated within the Whitney Woods area, but are not owned by The Trustees of Reservations. Mr. Bailey wanted to start a vacation camp on his land but was unable to get the necessary permits. At the present time, having failed to realize his ambitions for his property, Mr. Bailey is about to offer for sale the house and one acre, from a total of 13 acres. His offering price is \$15,000.

Having been opened up by the hurricane, the pine grove is beginning to grow a few young pines. This is very encouraging in view of the aged condition of the majority of the larger trees.

Attendance was about normal with many organized groups forming the bulk of Sunday and holiday visitors.

The United States has taken a little more than six acres of our best land in the Turkey Hill section for military purposes. Financial settlement for the taking has not yet been made.

# RESERVATIONS SECURED

# In Full or in Part through the Activities of THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

SECURED	RESERVATION	Acres
1892	Virginia Wood, Middlesex Fells	20
1893	Metropolitan Park System, Boston	
1893	Province Lands, Cape Cod	2000
1894	Goodwill Park, Falmouth	78
1902	Pine Knoll, Sheffield	6
1907	Harvard Forest, Petersham	2100
1933	Boxford State Forest, Boxford	500
1933	Georgetown-Rowley State Forest, Rowley	700
1934	Breakheart Hill, Saugus and Wakefield	650
1934	Roland C. Nickerson State Forest Park, Brewster .	1500
1934	John C. Robinson State Park, Agawam	1100
1935	Coes Pond, Worcester	7
1935	Gore Place, Waltham and Watertown	80
1936	Watatic Mountain, Ashburnham	130
1937	Willowdale State Forest, Ipswich and Topsfield	1900
1937	Allen's Ledge, Sharon (addition to Massachusetts Audubon Society's Sanctuary)	38
1942	Joseph Allen Skinner State Park, South Hadley .	375
1949	Danvers Town Forest, Danvers	50

# 1955 FOUNDERS

Donors of money or property to the value of \$1000 and upwards since the foundation of The Trustees in 1891

This list does not include many founders, such as charles eliot, charles sprague sargent, nathaniel s. shaler, henry p. walcott, and others who have rendered service to The Trustees which cannot be valued in money.

1892
*Mrs. Fanny Foster Tudor, Boston Virginia Wood
*Miss Ellen Chase, Brookline \$1000 donation
1894
*Joseph Story Fay, Falmouth Goodwill Park
1897
*Augustus Hemenway, Canton Rocky Narrows
*William Minot, Boston
*WILLIAM MINOT, Boston
*Robert Sedgwick Minot, Manchester . \$1000 endowment *Laurence Minot, Boston
*Laurence Minot, Boston
*Mrs. Mary F. Cunningham, Brookline .  *Mrs. John M. Forbes, Milton  *J. Malcolm Forbes, Milton  *George R. R. Rivers, Milton  *Miss Mary Rivers, Milton  *Mrs. K. G. T. Webster, Cambridge  *George Wigglesworth, Milton
*Miss Helen C. Butler, New York Monument Mountain Reservation, with \$2000 endowment
1902
*Joseph S. Glover, Boston \$2000 legacy
1903
*Miss Mary E. Dewey, Boston Pine Knoll, with \$1000 endowment

<sup>\*</sup>Deceased.

1905

\*Mrs. Edward W. Nash, Boston Petticoat Hill, with \$1000 endowment

1906

\*Miss Helen C. Butler, New York Additional \$5000 donation for Monument Mountain Reservation

1913

\*Miss Sarah B. Fay, Falmouth . . . Additional land in \*Henry H. Fay, Falmouth . . . . Goodwill Park

1914

\*Henry Pickering, Boston \$5000 legacy

1923

\*ARTHUR F. ESTABROOK, Boston \$30,500 legacy

1929

\*Mrs. Minna Godwin Goddard, New York
Bequest of Bryant Homestead, with \$10,000 endowment
Conrad G. Goddard, New York

Bryant Memorabilia

\*George Wigglesworth, Milton \$1000 donation for Mount Ann Park

1930

\*Miss Julia Sands Bryant, New York \$10,000 legacy for Bryant Homestead

1931

\*George Wigglesworth, Milton \$5000 legacy

1933

JOHN S. AMES, Boston \$2096 donation

\*ARTHUR N. MILLIKEN, Boston \$5000 donation for Whitney Woods

WHITNEY ASSOCIATES

Whitney Woods, with \$5000 endowment

\*John C. Phillips, Wenham \$1500 donation

1934

\*John C. Phillips, Wenham \$1000 donation for Halibut Point 1935

MISS HELEN C. FRICK, Pittsburgh \$1600 donation for Misery Islands

\*Mrs. William H. Moore, New York \$1700 donation for Misery Islands

1936

\$1100 donation for Misery Islands

\*John C. Phillips, Wenham

Wenham Pine and Hemlock Knoll

1937

Charles S. Bird, East Walpole \$1000 donation for various publications

\*RICHARD W. HALE, Dover

Additional land for Medfield Rhododendrons

\*Mrs. James J. Storrow, Lincoln

\$2500 donation for Dinosaur Footprints

1938

CHARLES S. BIRD, East Walpole \$1000 donation to General Fund \*Mrs. James J. Storrow, Lincoln \$1000 donation for purchase of Old Manse

1939

CHARLES S. BIRD, East Walpole \$350 donation for purchase of Little Misery Island \$650 donation for General Fund WILLIAM EMERSON, Cambridge \$5000 donation for purchase of Old Manse

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR., New York \$1000 donation for purchase of Old Manse

1940

ESTATE OF THEODORE C. HOLLANDER

Donation of land and house on Great Misery Island

MRS. CHARLES W. WARD, Andover

Charles W. Ward Reservation, with \$5000 endowment

1941

F. W. Elliott, Petersham
Elliott Reservation
Miss Olive Simes, Boston
\$2000 endowment for Elliott Reservation
\*George Lewis, Jr., Sherborn . . . . Addition to Rocky
Mrs. George Lewis, Jr., Sherborn . . . . Narrows



SNOW SCENE AT THE ROCKY WOODS CLUB. Since this picture was taken, the Frances Goldthwait building, a fine log cabin style wing, has been added. The 1955 season provided winter sports enthusiasts with almost unlimited skating and some good skiing.



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CHARLES LAKEMAN WARD, JR., Concord Addition to Ward Reservation

1942

Dr. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield Rocky Woods, with endowment \*A. Lawrence Lowell, Cambridge

Bequest of Lowell Holly Reservation, with \$10,000 endowment

1943

DR. CHARLES F. STUBE, Rockport Addition to Halibut Point MRS. EZRA R. THAYER, Hingham Addition to Whitney Woods

1944

CHARLES S. BIRD, East Walpole \$1000 donation for Bay Circuit map, and colored film for lecture CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

\$1000 donation to General Fund \*Francis C. Holmes, Plymouth

Holmes Reservation, with \$5000 endowment

\*Miss Helen W. Holmes, Plymouth \$5000 endowment for Holmes Reservation

Mrs. Charles W. Ward, Andover Addition to Ward Reservation

1945

\*John Balch, Milton \$5000 legacy, for endowment of Governor Hutchinson's Field Cornelius Crane, Ipswich

\$4000 donation to General Fund \*Mrs. Richard T. Crane, Jr., Ipswich

Richard T. Crane, Jr., Memorial Reservation (at Castle Neck Beach)

DR. JOEL E. GOLDTHWAIT, Medfield

Addition to Rocky Woods, with \$10,000 additional endowment Ipswich Beach Association, Inc.

\$4703.85 donation for Crane Reservation

\*Paul B. Morgan, Worcester

\$1500 donation for purchase of Bartholomew's Cobble

ESTATE OF MRS. EDWARD W. NASH

\$2914.33 legacy, for addition to Petticoat Hill endowment

MISS AMELIA PEABODY, Dover

\$1000 donation for purchase of Bartholomew's Cobble

Mrs. Charles W. Ward, Andover Addition to Ward Reservation

#### 1946

Anonymous (In memory of Edith Parsons Morgan, Stockbridge) \$1000 donation for purchase and maintenance of Bartholomew's Cobble

CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

\$3000 donation to General Fund

GARDEN CLUB OF AMERICA, INC., New York

\$1200 donation for purchase of Bartholomew's Cobble

Dr. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield

Addition to Rocky Woods

\*Paul B. Morgan, Worcester

\$1000 donation for purchase of Bartholomew's Cobble

MISS AMELIA PEABODY, Dover

\$1000 donation to General Fund

#### 1947

MISS MABEL CHOATE, Stockbridge \$1000 donation to General Fund

CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

\$3000 donation to General Fund

MISS AMELIA PEABODY, Dover

\$500 donation to General Fund

\$500 donation for maintenance of Bartholomew's Cobble

#### 1948

CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

\$2564.56 donation to General Fund

1 jeep equipped for fire fighting, appraised at \$2350

1 motor boat, appraised at \$2500

1 life-saving inhalator, appraised at \$250

DR. JOEL E. GOLDTHWAIT, Medfield \$8000 donation to General Fund

1 station wagon, appraised at \$500

STOCKBRIDGE MISSION HOUSE ASSOCIATION

Mission House

MISS MABEL CHOATE, Stockbridge

\$100,000 endowment for Mission House

#### 1949

CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

Addition to Crane Memorial Reservation

\$7672.37 donation to General Fund \*Mrs. Richard T. Crane, Jr., Ipswich

Bequest of Castle Hill as addition to Crane Memorial Reservation

HEIRS OF JOSEPH STORY FAY

\$4000 donation through cession of claim to reimbursement on account of Goodwill Park, taken by Town of Falmouth DR. JOEL E. GOLDTHWAIT, Medfield

\$9500 donation to General Fund \$1000 addition to Rocky Woods endowment

\*STANLEY KING, Amherst

\$1000 donation for purchase of addition to Chesterfield Gorge

MISS JESSIE GWENDOLEN MORSE, Medfield

Addition to Rocky Woods \*Mrs. John F. Tyler, Boston

\$1000 donation to General Fund

1950

MISS NANNIE ALEXANDER, Boston \$1000 donation for Castle Hill

CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

\$7000 donation for Castle Hill

Dr. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield \$16,000 donation for Rocky Woods

\$1000 donation for Rocky Woods endowment

Joseph A. Saponaro, Hingham Addition to Whitney Woods

1951

ANONYMOUS

\$1823.78 donation for Bartholomew's Cobble

THE PRINCESS BELOSSELSKY-BELOZERSKY, Ipswich (In memory of Mrs. Richard T. Crane, Jr.)

\$1500 donation toward restoration of Rose Garden, Castle Hill

CORNELIUS CRANE, Ipswich

\$12,075.67 donation for new approach road, Castle Hill

\$3000 donation for Castle Hill

GEORGE L. FOOTE, Boston

Royalston Falls

Dr. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield \$9000 donation for Rocky Woods

Addition to Rocky Woods

\*Mrs. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield

\$2500 donation for recreation cabin at Rocky Woods

HARLAN P. KELSEY, East Boxford

\$1940.02 donation for Italian Garden, Castle Hill

1952

SIDNEY L. BEALS, West Newton

\$5472.50 donation to General Fund

CHARLES S. BIRD, East Walpole

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MRS. HENRY M. CHANNING, Sherborn

\$5184.38 donation to Henry Davis Minot Memorial Fund

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\$3000 donation for Castle Hill Dr. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield

\$11,271.11 donation for Rocky Woods

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\$4000 donation to Henry Davis Minot Memorial Fund

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\$1000 donation to Bartholomew's Cobble endowment

#### 1953

Sidney L. Beals, West Newton \$2939.93 donation to General Fund

Belosselsky-Crane Foundation, Inc., Ipswich

\$1030 donation for Castle Hill

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\$3510 donation for Castle Hill

\$7980 for improvement of Castle Hill roads

Dr. Joel E. Goldthwait, Medfield \$13,716.51 donation for Rocky Woods

Addition to Rocky Woods

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\$1000 donation to Henry Davis Minot Memorial Fund

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Snow removal equipment for Rocky Woods, appraised at \$1615.40

#### 1954

CASTLE HILL FOUNDATION, Ipswich

\$3478.55 for improvements at Castle Hill

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\$1000 donation for Castle Hill

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HUMANE SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS

\$1000 for safety program at Crane Beach

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\$1000 donation to Henry Davis Minot Memorial Fund

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\$2070 donation to Henry Davis Minot Memorial Fund

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Unrestricted legacy of \$10,000

1955

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Unrestricted legacy of \$10,000

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Fifty acres of land adjoining Daniel Chester French Studio

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\$3,510 donation for Castle Hill

ESTATE OF FRANCIS E. FROTHINGHAM

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\$2,623.06 for General Fund

WILLIAM EMERSON, Boston

\$1,532.43 towards the heating of the Old Manse at Concord

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Gift of five acres of land known as †Crowninshield Island, assessed valuation, \$11,500.00

\$5,000 endowment for Crowninshield Island

MACLEOD, LOUIS H. D.

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<sup>†</sup>In Marblehead Harbor.

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## CO-OPERATING SOCIETIES

#### 1955

It is suggested that, when any Local Society expresses its willingness to co-operate with The Trustees, the following procedure should be followed:

- 1. That the Society should appoint and regularly maintain a committee on preservation of places of natural beauty or historic interest; and that these local Preservation Committees should watch all beautiful and historic places within the area covered by the membership of the Society, and should inform the Standing Committee of The Trustees of any case where their intervention might be helpful.
- 2. That a rough register of beautiful and historic places in the region covered by the membership of the Society should be compiled by the members of this local Preservation Committee, and that a copy of the list so compiled should be filed at the office of The Trustees.
- 3. That the members of the local Preservation Committee should, as far as possible, endeavor to preserve these places through appeal to local pride.
- 4. That the members of the local Preservation Committee should undertake to distribute, from time to time, literature issued by The Trustees.
- 5. That, in order to facilitate the work of The Trustees, the members of the local Preservation Committee should undertake to further the growth of support for The Trustees.

The following columns comprise a list of Societies whose officers have signified their intention to co-operate with The Trustees in the field of preservation work.

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#### BEQUESTS TO THE TRUSTEES

Those who work with The Trustees are keenly aware of the handicaps under which this corporation operates by reason of in-

sufficient funds left to it through bequest.

An appeal to preserve from threatened destruction a beautiful gorge or a wild and unspoiled ocean headland always brings immediate and generous response; there is a definite resulting gain which is evident in the form of an additional item in the list of "Properties Held." But those who examine the Report of the Treasurer (see pp. 6–7 of this book) are asked to remember that in every year a large amount of work has to be done which yields no immediate or visible return. Some negotiations which have to be undertaken prove fruitless, while others may not result in the acquisition of property until some years later.

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS receive no public funds what-

soever.

The sole support for the work of The Trustees comes through voluntary annual subscription, together with the unrestricted income from a very limited endowment. Your Standing Committee, on behalf of The Trustees as a self-perpetuating body, appeals to everyone who loves the shore and countryside of this Commonwealth—and who would see its remaining beauty preserved—to arrange personally, or to suggest the arrangement of, benefactions to The Trustees in order that this organization may the better fulfill its obligations.

## BEQUESTS

Your bequest to The Trustees of Reservations will enable them to acquire additional beautiful and historic places in Massachusetts, and to maintain them open to the public under suitable regulations.

## FORM OF BEQUEST TO TRUSTEES

"I give, devise and bequeath to The Trustees of Reservations, a Corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the sum of \$......to be applied to the general uses and purposes of said Organization."

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

# BALANCE SHEET As at December 31, 1955

## ENDOWNMENT FUNDS

Endownment Funds						
ENDOWMENT ASSETS:						
Investments at Book Value — Schedule 1	\$290,328.96					
Cash in Banks — Schedule 2.  Due from Current Operating Funds.	17,184.39 9,000.00					
	\$316,513.35					
ENDOWMENT PRINCIPAL:						
Principal of Endowment Funds	\$316,513.35 ————					
CURRENT OPERATING FUNDS						
CURRENT ASSETS:						
Cash in Banks — Schedule 2.	\$ 38,661.64					
CURRENT LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS:						
Due to Endowment Funds	\$ 9,000.00 8.85					
General Operating Fund — Schedule 3 (deficit)	29,652.79					
	\$ 38,661.64					
SCHEDULE 1						
INVESTMENT OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS						
As at December 31, 1955						
GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND:						
Book Value						
Common Stocks.         \$101,751.54           Preferred Stocks.         34,465.77						
Bonds — Corporation \$23,068.31						
— Government						
Total Endowment	\$188,285.62					
MISSION HOUSE FUND:						
Common Stocks						
Preferred Stocks       13,212.46         Bonds — Corporation       \$15,441.92						
- Government 9,000.00 24,441.92						
Total Endowment	102,043.34					
Total (per balance sheet)	\$290,328.96					

#### SCHEDULE 2

## CASH IN BANKS

CASH IN DANKS	
ENDOWMENT FUNDS:	
Second Bank - State Street Trust Company, Boston	
General Endowment Fund, Principal Account	\$ 13,548.94
Stockbridge Mission House, Principal Account	3,635,45
Total (per balance sheet)	\$ 17,184.39
CURRENT OPERATING FUNDS:	
Second Bank - State Street Trust Company, Boston	
Operating account	\$ 5,654.29
Hurricane Fund account	578.72
Stockbridge Mission House Income account	1,753.79
Castle Hill Funds — Rose Garden account	45.91
Bank accounts in name of The Trustees and Fiscal Agents:	10.01
	4,332.96
The First National Bank of Ipswich	
Ipswich Savings Bank	7,557.41
Ipswich Cooperative Bank	10,050.00
The Harvard Trust Co., Concord Branch	481.03
Norfolk County Trust Co., Medfield	1,074.81
Housatonic National Bank, Stockbridge:	
Chesterwood Studio account	73.91
Mission House account	118.84
Lee Savings Bank, Lee	6,425.97
Chesterwood Studio, cash on hand	514.00
Total (per balance sheet)	\$ 38,661.64

## SCHEDULE 3

# STATEMENT OF GENERAL FUND For the Year Ended December 31, 1955

Balance, December 31, 1954(Deficit)		\$ 14,104.69
Membership Contributions	\$10,922.50 2,927.60	
Income from investments (including proportion of investment income of project endowments)	4,950,67	
Proportion of income from operation of Crane Reserva-	4,330.07	
tion for the year 1955	3,000.00	
for the year 1955	1,592.75	
Other receipts	1,364.35	24,757.87
		\$ 10,653.18
Add Transfers from General Endowment Fund to meet		
current expenses		4,000.00
		\$ 14,653.18
Deduct Expenditures and Transfers:		
General salaries and wages	\$16,805.00	
Rent, light, telephone, etc	2,175.27	
Printing, circulars, stationery, etc	5,204.88	
Security)	240.10	
Other expenditures	3,151.92	
Transfers to project accounts for deficits in unendowed		
Reservations	2,458.85	30,036.02
Balance, December 31, 1955 (per balance sheet)(Deficit)		\$ 15,382.84

#### SCHEDULE 4

# STATEMENT OF PROJECT SURPLUS AND DEFICIT As at December 31, 1955

PROJECT ACCOUNTS WITH SURPLUS BALANCES:		
William Cullen Bryant Homestead	\$ 1,995.36	
Governor Hutchinson's Field	114.51	
Misery Islands	3,822.91	
Monument Mountain	246.14	
Petticoat Hill	685.91	
Charles W. Ward Reservation	154.04	
Whitney Woods	807.76	
George Wigglesworth Fund	333.09	
Elliott Laurel Reservation	279.92	
Rocky Woods	1,287.17	
Canaumet: Lowell Holly Reservation	549.06	
Holmes Reservation	4,305.35	
Old Manse	2,220.10	
Richard T. Crane, Jr., Memorial Reservation	21,940.37	
Royalston Falls	117.93	
Old Town Hill Reservation	700.02	
Mount Ann Park, "Henry Davis Minot Memorial Fund".	70.82	
Redemption Rock	2.78	
Castle Hill — Rose Garden account	45.91	
Hurricane Fund	578.72	
Mission House — Income account	1,753.79	
Stockbridge account	118.84	
— Reserve account	6,425.97	
Total surplus balances		\$ 48,556.47
PROJECT ACCOUNTS WITH DEFICIT BALANCES:		
Bartholomew's Cobble.	\$ 590.81	
Chesterwood Studio	2,633.18	
Crowninshield Island	20.00	
Medfield Rhododendrons	276.85	
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Total deficit balances		3,520.84
PROJECT BALANCES (NET SURPLUS PER BALANCE SHEE	r	\$ 45,035,63

January 17, 1956

AUGUSTUS P. LORING, ESQ., Treasurer THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Loring:

At your request, I have examined the books of The Trustees of Reservations for the year ending December 31, 1955.

The books show that all payments have been posted, supported by proper vouchers, receipts entered and deposited, and the check book reconciled with the bank statements. The Trust securities held in the safe deposit box are in check with book records.

I certify that the assets and liabilities, as shown on the balance sheet, fairly set forth the condition of the Trust property, as of December 31, 1955.

Yours very truly,

ERNEST E. JOBLING, Auditor.

#### ACT OF INCORPORATION

# AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC RESERVATIONS[\*]

Chapter 352, Acts of 1891 Massachusetts General Court

Section 1. Frederick L. Ames, Philip A. Chase, Christopher Clarke, Charles R. Codman, Elisha S. Converse, George F. Hoar, John J. Russell, Leverett Saltonstall, Charles S. Sargent, Nathaniel S. Shaler, George Sheldon, William S. Shurtleff, George H. Tucker, Francis A. Walker, George Wigglesworth, their associates and successors, are hereby made a corporation by the name of The Trustees of Public Reservations, for the purpose of acquiring, holding, arranging, maintaining, and opening to the public, under suitable regulations, beautiful and historical places and tracts of land within this Commonwealth, with the powers and privileges and subject to the duties set forth in chapter one hundred and fifteen of the Public Statutes and in such other general laws as now are or hereafter may be in force relating to such corporations; but said corporation shall have no capital stock.

Section 2. Said corporation may acquire and hold by grant, gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, real estate such as it may deem worthy of preservation for the enjoyment of the public, but not exceeding one million dollars in value, and such other property, both real and personal, as may be necessary or proper to support or promote the objects of the corporation, but not exceeding in the aggregate the further sum of one million dollars.[†]

Section 3. All personal property held by said corporation, and all lands which it may cause to be opened and kept open to the public, and all lands which it may acquire and hold with this object in view, shall be exempt from taxation, in the same manner and to the same extent as the property of literary, benevolent, charitable, and scientific institutions incorporated within this Commonwealth is now exempt by law; but no lands so acquired and held and not open to the public shall be so exempt from taxation for a longer period than two years. Said corporation shall never make any division or dividend of or from its property or income among its members.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

<sup>\*</sup>The name The Trustees of Public Reservations was changed to The Trustees of Reservations by vote of the Corporation at its meeting on January 20, 1954.

<sup>†</sup>In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 38, Acts of the General Court (1930), The Trustees "may hold real and personal estate to an amount not exceeding five million dollars."

ARTICLE I OF TRUSTEES

1. The members of the corporation, in whom are reposed the full and exclusive duty and power to vote in respect of all matters to be acted upon at any meeting of the corporation, shall be designated "Trustees." Said Trustees shall be residents of Massachusetts, their number shall not exceed one hundred, and they shall be elected for such term as the corporation at its annual meeting or meeting held in lieu thereof shall determine.

2. The Standing Committee may, if it sees fit, nominate Trustees by inserting the names of candidates upon the notice of warning of any meeting. Said Committee may, in like manner, designate the terms for which such candidates so nominated shall be

elected.

3. The election shall take place at any meeting subsequent to such notice, and shall be by ballot upon the names proposed by the Standing Committee; and any person who receives the votes of two thirds of the Trustees present and voting, shall, on his acceptance of his election, be declared and enrolled a Trustee of the corporation. Any Trustee may resign by written notice, signed by the Trustee and delivered to the Secretary or other officer of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE II

# OF FOUNDERS, LIFE ASSOCIATES, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS, AND CONTRIBUTORS

1. All persons from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one thousand dollars or more shall be permanently enrolled as Founders.

2. All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders, from whom the corporation shall receive real or personal property to the value of one hundred dollars or more, shall

be enrolled during life as Life Associates.

3. All persons not entitled to be enrolled as Founders or Life Associates, from whom the corporation shall receive ten or more dollars, shall be enrolled as Associate Members for the year in which payment of such sum is made.

4. All persons from whom the corporation shall receive five or more dollars but less than ten dollars, shall be enrolled as Contributors for the year in which payment of

such sum is made.

5. But no donor of money or property coming under the four classifications above named shall be a member of the corporation unless and until duly elected as provided

in Article I as amended.

6. Notwithstanding that such Founders, Life Associates, Associate Members, and Contributors shall not be subject to any duty or responsibility in the management or affairs of the corporation, they may in meeting of the persons mentioned in the foregoing paragraphs Nos. 1 to 4, both inclusive, convened at the direction of the Standing Committee, take advisory action and make recommendations in respect of any matter submitted to such meeting. At any such meeting each person shall be entitled to one vote to be cast in person or by proxy. The President of the corporation, or in his absence, the Chairman of the Standing Committee, shall preside, and the Secretary of the corporation shall keep the minutes.

## ARTICLE III OF MEETINGS

1. The annual meeting of the corporation shall be held on the last Wednesday in January, in Boston, or at such other city or town in the Commonwealth, and at such time and place, as the Standing Committee may determine. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of not less than seven members, but a majority of the members present and voting may adjourn any meeting from time to time until the business shall have been finished.

In the event of the annual meeting, by mistake or otherwise, not being called and held as herein prescribed, the Standing Committee shall order a special meeting to be

called and held in lieu of and for the purposes of the annual meeting.

Special meetings of the corporation may be called by the Standing Committee to meet at any time and place. A quorum at a special meeting shall consist of not less than seven members.

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2. At all meetings the President shall take the chair as soon as a quorum is present; and the record of the preceding meeting shall then be read, unless such reading is dispensed with by the unanimous consent of those present; after which, at all special meetings the business for which the meeting was called shall be transacted, and at the annual meeting the order of business shall be as follows:

First.—The unfinished business and the assignments of the last meeting shall be

announced by the Secretary to the President and taken up in order.

Second.—The Secretary shall be called on to submit a written report of the doings of the Standing Committee for the year ending with the previous 31st of December.

Third.—The Treasurer shall be called upon to submit a written report of his doings for the year ending with the previous 31st of December, and the financial conditions of the corporation of that date.

Fourth.—The Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts shall be called on for a

report.

Fifth.—Any special committee which may have been appointed during the year shall be called on to report.

Sixth.—If the Standing Committee shall have proposed changes in the Bylaws, the

same shall be voted upon as provided in Article VIII.

Seventh.—If the Standing Committee shall have made any nominations to membership in the corporation, an election shall be held as provided in Article I.

Eighth.—An election of officers for the ensuing year shall be held, as provided in Article IV, Section 1.

Ninth.—On the announcement of the vote the newly elected President shall take the chair, and shall give the members present an opportunity to present new business.

Tenth.—The newly elected President shall appoint a committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts.

#### ARTICLE IV OF OFFICERS

1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for three years or for such shorter term as the corporation at its annual meeting or meeting in lieu thereof shall determine, or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead. No officer may serve consecutive terms in the same office which total more than six years from and after the annual meeting in the year 1956; but may serve again in the same office after an interval of one year.

2. The President shall preside at all meetings of the corporation. If he is absent, the Vice President, and, if the Vice President is also absent, a President pro tempore, chosen by hand vote of the members of the corporation present, shall preside, and

shall have the powers and perform all the duties of the President.

3. The Secretary shall warn the members of all meetings of the corporation, according as he may be directed by vote of the Standing Committee. He shall call the meetings of the Standing Committee as he may be directed by the chairman of the Committee or on the request in writing of any two members thereof. He shall carry on all the correspondence of the corporation not otherwise provided for, and shall, when the correspondence is of importance, preserve copies of the letters sent and the original letters received, for transmission with his records to his successor in office. He shall keep an exact record of all meetings of the corporation and of the Standing Committee, with the names of the members present, entering in full all reports of committees, which may be accepted, by either body, unless otherwise directed.

At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of the doings of that body for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if the report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

4. The Treasurer shall, when directed, as provided in the next paragraph, make disbursements; and he shall also collect all moneys due to the corporation, and shall keep regular and faithful account of all the moneys and funds of the corporation which shall come into his hands and of all receipts and expenditures connected with the same, which accounts shall always be open to the inspection of members of the corporation. He shall make no investments and pay no moneys without either the approval of a

majority of the Standing Committee or else of such officer or committee as said Standing Committee shall appoint to act for it in these matters. At the January meeting of the Standing Committee he shall make a written report of his doings for the year ending on the previous 31st of December; and, if his report is approved, he shall present it at the annual meeting of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE V

#### OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE

1. The Standing Committee shall consist of thirteen persons, including the President and the Treasurer who shall be members of the Standing Committee ex officio. The members of the Standing Committee, other than the members ex officio, shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold office for a term of three years from the date of the annual election in 1956 or until others are duly chosen and qualified in their stead, and may be re-elected for a second term of three years; but they shall not serve again as elected members of the Standing Committee until after an interval of one year.

Members of the Standing Committee elected in January 1956 shall be divided into three classes, of which one shall consist of three members and two shall each consist of four members. The term of office of the first class consisting of three members shall expire on the day of the annual election in 1957; the terms of office of the second and third classes each consisting of four members shall expire on the day of the annual election in 1959 respectively; and thereafter

each class shall be elected for three-year terms as above provided.

2. The Standing Committee shall, at the first meeting after the annual meeting of the corporation in each year, elect a chairman, whose duty it shall be to preside at all meetings of the Committee. In his absence a chairman pro tempore may be chosen by hand vote. The Standing Committee shall meet at least once in every month, and a quorum shall consist of not less than three members. The Standing Committee may nominate or refuse to nominate new members of the corporation, may accept or decline gifts offered to the corporation, may approve or disapprove investments or expenditures proposed by the Treasurer, may approve or disapprove all bills against the corporation, may appoint subcommittees of their number, or committees consisting of members or other persons not members, may appoint and remove agents, may engage whatever assistance is needed to administer the affairs of the corporation, may designate such agents and employees by such titles as they may deem proper, and, in general, may exercise all the executive powers of the corporation.

#### ARTICLE VI

#### OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

All persons who have served as officers or as members of the Standing Committee shall become eligible for election to the Advisory Council upon the conclusion of their terms. Members of the Advisory Council shall be chosen by ballot at the annual meeting of the corporation, an adjournment thereof, or at a meeting in lieu of such annual meeting, as above provided; and they shall hold their offices for such term as the corporation shall determine. The members of the Advisory Council shall be entitled to attend all meetings of the Standing Committee, but without vote.

## ARTICLE VII OF THE SEAL

The corporate seal shall be a circular, flat-faced die of about an inch and a half in diameter, with the name of the corporation, the year of its organization, the word "Massachusetts," and the figure of a pine tree so engraved on its face that it can be embossed on paper by pressure.

#### ARTICLE VIII

#### OF AMENDMENTS

At any annual meeting of the corporation, or at a special meeting called for the purpose, these Bylaws may be amended, altered, or repealed by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of such proposed change shall have been given in the call of the meeting.

# OFFICERS

# 1891-1956

#### PRESIDENT

GEORGE F. HOAR CHARLES W. ELIOT GEORGE WIGGLESWORTH CHARLES S. RACKEMANN										1891-1904
CHARLES W. ELIOT										1905-1926
George Wigglesworth										1926-1930
CHARLES S. RACKEMANN										1930-1933
HERBERT PARKER										1933-1938
ROBERT WALCOTT										1938-
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WILLIAM S. SHURTLEFF .	•									1891-1895
GEORGE SHELDON	٠				٠			٠		1896–1916 1917–1920
John S. Ames										
George Wigglesworth	٠	٠	٠		٠	٠	٠	٠	٠	1922-1926
HENRY P. WALCOTT .	٠		٠							1926-1932
ROBERT WALCOTT			٠		٠			٠	٠	1932-1938
HENRY M. CHANNING .										1938-1950
HENRY M. CHANNING . WILLIAM R. GREELEY .										1951-
CHAIRMAN OF	TH	ES	TA	NDI	NG	CO	MM	ТТ	EE	
PHILIP A. CHASE										1891-1893
CHARLES ELIOT										1894-1897
PHILIP A CHASE	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	•	•	1897-1903
HENRY P WALCOTT	•	•	•	•	٠	٠	•	•	٠	1903-1926
CHARLES S RACKEMANN	٠	•	•	٠	٠	•	•	•	•	1926-1933
PHILIP A. CHASE HENRY P. WALCOTT CHARLES S. RACKEMANN CHARLES S. BIRD	٠	•	•	•	٠	•	٠	•	•	1933-
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George Wigglesworth										1891-1920
JOHN S. AMES										1921-1939
Allan Forbes Francis E. Frothingham										1940-1949
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EDWARD L. BIGELOW .										1954
Augustus P. Loring .										1954-
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CHARLES ELIOT		1010		1101						1891-1893
HENRY R SHAW	•	٠			٠	٠			•	1894
HENRY R. SHAW JOHN WOODBURY	•	•	•							1894-1924
CHARLES W. ELIOT 2ND	•			•			٠	•	•	1925-1926
HENRY M. CHANNING .	•	٠				٠	•	•	•	1925-1926
LAUDENCE R FLETCHER	٠	•		•		•	٠	•	•	1937-
Laurence B. Fletcher	•	٠	•	•	•	•	٠	•	•	1997-
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#### MEMBERSHIP IN TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

Contributor				\$5.00-\$10.00
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LIFE ASSOCIATE .				\$100.00-\$1000.00
FOUNDER				\$1000.00 or more

OES not the landscape deserve attention? What are the natural features which make a township handsome?

A river, with its waterfalls and meadows, a lake, a hill, a cliff or individual rocks, a forest, and ancient trees standing singly. Such things are beautiful; they have a high use which dollars and cents never represent.

If the inhabitants of a town were wise, they would seek to preserve these things, though at a considerable expense. . .

It would be worth while if in each town a committee were appointed to see that the beauty of the town received no detriment. If we have the biggest bowlder in the country, then it should not belong to an individual, nor be made into a doorstep. As in many countries precious metals belong to the crown, so here more precious natural objects of rare beauty should belong to the public.

HENRY DAVID THOREAU